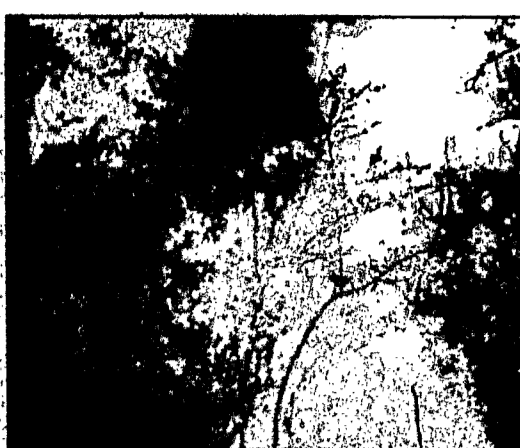




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D'head business group to meet

The Diamondhead Business and Professional Association will meet Thursday, June 28, 8-9 a.m., at the Diamondhead Country Club. Guest speaker will be Hal Leftwich, executive director of Hancock Medical Center. The group's business after hours event will be Thursday evening, hosted by Hancock Medical Center Rehab, located at Rehab One in Shepherds Square, from 5 to 7 p.m.

First Baptist's Monday service

Beginning Monday night, June 25, the First Baptist Church, 141 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, will hold worship services at 7 p.m. Services will continue each Monday night of July. During the month, there will not be services on Sunday night. Special guests will be invited to bring the message and lead the music. This Monday, Dr. Leo Day, professor of voice at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will be special guest. There is no charge to attend.

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Investigators on Thursday examine the body of 24-year-old New Orleans resident Terrence G. Steptore, who apparently abducted and shot a teen-age boy with a 9 mm handgun, then killed himself after the teen escaped.

La. man shoots teen, kills self in I-10 rampage, police believe

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

A Louisiana man is dead and a teen-aged boy hospitalized following a bizarre incident at I-10 in Hancock County last week.

Hancock sheriff's deputies responded Thursday morning to early reports of a "road rage" shooting on I-10 about three miles east of the state line. But when they got to the scene, they discovered something much more shocking, and called in the Mississippi Highway Patrol's Crime Lab/Violent Crime Response Unit.

"Obviously, we're still



putting the facts together ...," MHP Master Sgt. David Kenny said at the scene Thursday. "What we have here is either a homicide or a suicide — we don't know for sure yet until we've investigated everything."

Investigators later determined that 24-year-old Terrence G. Steptore of New Orleans had turned his 9 mm pistol on himself after his apparent hostage

got away with a gunshot wound to the face.

"A 14-year-old boy was wandering aimlessly around the interstate," Kenny said. "He flagged down an 18-wheeler (driven by Tickfaw, La. resident William P. Hiller).

"The 18-wheeler driver pulled the victim up into the truck — then this car (a blue-green Chevy Cavalier driven by Steptore) rams

the 18-wheeler and the driver shoots at the truck."

Steptore's vehicle then went off the road into the trees in the median between the east- and westbound sides of the interstate.

While deputies were roping off the crime scene, Kenny said, they discovered Steptore's body lying in the woods, then called in the mobile crime lab.

According to evidence at the scene, Kenny said, the 14-year-old (whose identity has been withheld) was apparently shot while inside Steptore's vehicle, but conflicting reports indicate Steptore ordered the teen out of the car and into the woods before firing at him.

After the dramatic rescue, Hiller contacted police by radio, and met them at

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Waveland aldermen meeting ends in tiff

Fight forestalled by accidental fire alarm

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The Waveland Board of Aldermen's meeting seemed like a meeting that wouldn't end Wednesday night thanks to Ward 1 Alderman Milton Bernard, who concluded the proceedings with an altercation with Ward 3 Alderman Louie Smolensky.

At the close of the meeting, Bernard demanded that aldermen allocate \$80,000 to his ward immediately.

Ward 4 Alderman Charles Piazza suggested that all the aldermen sit down and discuss pending projects in all four wards at a later date, because Bernard's motion was not on the agenda. But Bernard would not let the matter die.

"I'm saying that I want to have \$80,000 for paving in my ward," said Bernard.

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Alleged rapist gave fake I.D.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Police say more information is filtering in about a suspect arrested last week for allegedly kidnapping and raping a Bay St. Louis woman — including the fact that he had given police a false name, which he backed up with a fake I.D.

William Daryl Kent Jr., 44, of Kenner, was captured by authorities in the northern part of the state Tuesday afternoon, according to investigators of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department.

However, Bay St. Louis Police Chief Frank McNeil said Friday, Kent is really Andy Joe

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HMC clinic now open at Bienville

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Convenient health care is available to the employees at Port Bienville Industrial Park and residents of the surrounding communities.

Hancock Medical Center's newest clinic, Hancock Medical Services, will be dedicated in a 3 p.m. ribbon cutting ceremony Monday, June 25. Industry managers and elected officials will be on hand to tour the 4,000-sq.-ft. build-



Bobby Baxter

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Clinic -- ribbon cutting

ing named in honor of longtime hospital board member Robert H. Baxter of Pearlinton.

A native of the Logtown area, Baxter retired from Stennis Space Center in 1996 and will begin his 30th year of service on the HMC Board of Trustees next year.

Located near the main entrance to the industrial park, the full-service clinic will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Hours may be adjusted to meet the needs of patients.

"We recognize the health concerns of a growing workforce in the industrial park, and hope to provide a valuable service by keeping those employees healthy," said Administrator Hal W. Leftwich, FACHE.

"Needs of injured workers will be met through our occupational medicine program, where protocols ensure prompt treatment with a return-to-work focus."

"This clinic is located midway between Bay St. Louis and Slidell. Our goal is to provide

What: Dedication of Hancock Medical Services

Where: Port Blenville Industrial Park

When: Monday, June 25

Ribbon Cutting, 3 p.m.

Public Reception 4-6 p.m.

quality health services, and encourage these employees to remain in Hancock County for their medical needs. We are happy to make family medical care more accessible to residents in the Pearlinton, Clermont Harbor, Ansley and Lakeshore communities."

The spacious clinic has seven treatment rooms including a pediatric room, a lab, drug testing room, video equipment for disease education and space for physical, occupational and speech therapy services, which will be offered on a part time basis. Future plans include the addition of an x-ray unit.

Wellness programs will focus on health topics like hypertension, diabetes and coronary dis-

ease prevention, said Leftwich. "We will be working with industry managers to determine their education needs."

The clinic opening culminates a multi-year planning process, said HMC Facilities Services Manager Hank Wheeler. The hospital opted to purchase a preengineered metal structure and complete the electrical, plumbing and finish work with its own maintenance staff to better control construction costs.

"We are very proud of the end result, and of the first class job by craftsmen Bennie Saucier, Jerry Adams and Gene Rouse. Additional assistance was provided by our maintenance staff as needed," said

Wheeler.

Hancock Medical Center also operates Hancock Family Care Center in Kiln, Hancock Multispecialty Clinic and Hancock Outpatient Rehab Services in Diamondhead, as well as school clinics at Bay High and Bay Middle School and Hancock High and Hancock Middle School. A clinic will be opened at Hancock Elementary School in the fall.

Hancock Medical Services is located at 3068 Port & Harbor Drive. Walk-ins are welcome, or appointments may be made by calling 533-9000. Medicare and Medicaid are accepted.

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Council bids farewell to Lampley, Black

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

In a rare moment of tender emotion, the Bay Council said their good-byes to departing council members Connie Lampley and Tad Black. Lampley read a prepared statement to fellow members, which brought tears to her eyes and comforting hugs from her colleagues. She hugged her replacement for the Ward 3 council position, Tom Farve, who was in attendance.

"I leave hoping that programs started during my tenure will be completed," said Lampley. "And I leave hoping that the city continues in a positive direction, and I thank you all."

"Well I'm not going to hug my opponent," said Black to his replacement for Ward 4 council position, Bobby Compretta, also in attendance. "We've done a lot in the last eight years ... I can walk out to Ward 4 and feel confident that we did a good job."

As a parting gesture Black made the last motion of his term, to adjourn the meeting.

In other business:

A sales tax comparison showed the city down \$13,000 in sales tax collected this month compared to the previous month and down \$8,000 from last year at this time.

Councilmen voted to amend a sign ordinance which would make it possible for new businesses moving into town, or newly constructed businesses, to acquire a special exception permit. The permit would allow them the right to leave streamers and banners up for as long as six months. The present sign ordinance allows businesses to use banners and streamers only for one, two week period, every quarter, or four times a year. Councilmen decided not to pass a proposed amendment that would allow streamers to be left up permanently. Ward 1 Councilman Doug Seal was opposed to time limits on the temporary signs. He said businesses should be allowed to attract customers, especially on busy Hwy. 90.

Ward 4 Councilman Tad Black was opposed to the use of streamers, which he said became tattered and unsightly after a very short time.

Head Start registration going on now for B-W

Mississippi Action for Progress, Inc. (MAP), a non-private child care organization, announced its recruitment drive for the 2001-02 school year.

All children who will be 3 or 4 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2002 are eligible and encouraged to apply at the Bay-

Waveland Center, 301 Nacaise Avenue, Bay St. Louis.

Parents will need to have a certified birth certificate, proof of family income (W-2 form), Health Department compliance letter and a Social Security card. Parents may come by Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Save Our Children board to meet Monday at the center

Hancock County Task Force to Save Our Children will hold a special meeting of the Board of Directors on Monday, June 25, at 6 p.m. at the center at 405 Nacaise Ave. in Bay St. Louis.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss a grant proposal to be submitted to the Gulf Coast Community Foundation in Gulfport. For more information call 466-0401.

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At left: Steptore's wrecked Chevy Cavalier after it had rammed into the I-10 into the woods. Above: Truck driver William P. Hiller speaks to police about the incident after his heroic yesterday of the 14-year-old victim.

Below: Master Sgt. David Kenny and Hancock County Coroner Norma Stiglet discuss the case with investigators.

Shooting

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the Kiln-Waveland exit, where a American Medical Response unit transported him to Charity Hospital in New Orleans, where he remained in stable condition as of Friday

afternoon.

Kenny said further information will depend on Steptore's young victim.

The incident is still under investigation.



Stennis going after more federal funds

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Port and Harbor officials are going after even more federal funds for Hancock County's Stennis International Airport.

The airport is poised to begin construction in July of an Instrument Landing System (ILS), which will make it an all-weather airport and more competitive with other airports in the region. The \$2.5 million system is being financed completely with a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

At Tuesday's recessed meeting of the Port and Harbor Commission, commissioners voted to let out another contract at the airport that will also be totally federal funded.

The commission awarded a contract for \$378,465 to (Pat) Fore Construction Co., to rehabilitate and expand the north apron at Stennis and construct a new connector taxiway for small and medium aircraft that

will connect the main north-south taxiway to the north hangar.

Airport manager Bill Cotter told commissioners the bid came in far below engineer estimates of \$491,000 and the FAA advised him to go after the remaining funds.

Commissioners voted to file application for more FAA funding for a new standby generator, lighted wind sock indicators, and South Runway End Identifier Lights (REIL strobos).

Cotter explained the improvements will increase safety by providing more reliable visual reference for pilots on takeoff and landing.

The project is under design, and should be put out to bid in July, pending approval of the FAA grant.

The Fore contract and the grant application also needs approval by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

Waveland

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Mayor Tommy Longo suggested to Bernard that he work with the other aldermen in compiling a list of paving projects. The list has been in the works for several weeks. At a previous meeting, aldermen had agreed to work together to accomplish the paving projects.

Bernard insisted that the motion be put on the table for a vote, but none of the other aldermen would second the motion - which seemed to infuriate Bernard even further.

"I want to know why you won't allocate \$80,000 to my ward," Bernard shouted.

"I'll make a motion ...," said Piazza. "A motion to adjourn."

The aldermen, mayor, and city secretary then began to leave the table, but Bernard seemed intent on getting an answer and cornered Smolensky, demanding to know why he had not offered to second the motion. Bernard hurled insults at both Smolensky and departing aldermen.

Smolensky tried to push Bernard away and leave, but Bernard positioned himself in front of Smolensky again and kept arguing. Smolensky took a swing at him. At that time, Longo physically separated the two and everyone moved outside.

Smolensky headed to his car which was parked behind

Waveland City Hall. Piazza and Longo made an attempt to head Bernard to his car, which was parked in front of the city hall annex building, but Bernard followed Smolensky to the rear of city hall and continued to shout.

City attorney Ronnie Artigues said that soon after, Public Works Director Ray Eaton accidentally set off the alarm at city hall, bringing police to the scene and ending the argument.

In other business: • Waveland Elementary School Crossing guard Serena Malstrom was presented a plaque of appreciation for her years of service. Malstrom was recently forced to retire because of health problems.

• Aldermen voted to approve: A bid by Beacon Contractors to construct the American Legion Fountain and Memorial on the beach; a stop sign at the Margie St. and Sycamore St. intersection; advertising for construction bids regarding McLaurin St. drainage and pavement improvements.

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Ervin of 77 Hartzog Rd., Sandy Hook, Ms. That information came to light after one of Ervin's relatives came to visit him at the Hancock County Justice Facility Thursday and asked for him by his real name.

Once investigators had Ervin's true identity, McNeil said, they were able to access his criminal files, and determined that he is wanted in several different areas in both Louisiana and Mississippi for several different alleged crimes - including suspicion of robbing the very motel where he was found.

"On June 8," sheriff's department Investigator Kenny Hurt said last week after Ervin's arrest, "we had a report of a carjacking, kidnapping, armed robbery and sexual battery on a 49-year-old female" in Bay St. Louis.

Investigators found the suspect Tuesday shortly after finding the woman's car outside a Columbia motel, Hurt said.

Ervin was brought back to Bay St. Louis on Wednesday by Bay P.D. detectives Tom

Burleson and Don Watson, but had tried to escape from the two officers by trying to slip through the glass partition in the patrol car, McNeil said.

After that attempt failed, he was questioned by officers from both the sheriff's department and the Bay St. Louis Police Department. The crimes he is accused of allegedly took place in both departments' jurisdictions, Hurt said - the carjacking and kidnapping in Bay St. Louis, and the robbery and sexual battery, further out in the county.

Ervin was being held at the Hancock County Justice Facility on a \$100,000 bond for the sexual battery charges, and a \$50,000 bond for the alleged armed robbery, but a judge later ordered him held without bond pending further investigation.

No trial has yet been scheduled in the matter. The incident is still under investigation by both the Bay P.D. and the Hancock County Sheriff's Department.

Pass phones went out

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The safety of Pass Christian citizens was compromised about five hours Tuesday when a severed fiber optical cable was severed.

The phone outage affected about 7,500 Bell South customers, but Rick Smith, Bell South Regional manager, said as many as 100,000 calls were blocked.

"Normally, our redundant network would automatically reroute the calls; however, at the time the cut occurred, changes were being made in the Biloxi Main office. Together, these factors caused the backlog of calls," Smith said.

A city Fire Department spokesman said the department and the police department could receive 911 emergency calls from persons using cell phones, but not from other citizens who have cordless or other types of phones in their house or business.

The outage occurred about 8:30 a.m. and service was restored to all customers around 1:30 p.m.

The incident is under investigation, but Bell South officials say it is possible construction crews working in the area might have severed the underground cable.

Civitan Camp celebrates anniversary with reunion

Abbie Rogers Civitan Camp invites all former volunteers to a big birthday bash celebrating the camp's 40 years of bringing a camping experience to children and adults with mental retardation.

Everyone who ever served on staff or as a counselor is invited to the party scheduled for Friday, July 20 at Camp Ili Kana, the Girl Scout camp just north of Wiggins.

Call the Camp at 601-928-3515 after July 15.

Those wishing to make reservations earlier may do so by calling 601-271-8006, 601-583-6547, or 601-264-0634.

With many improvements, expanded schedules for campers, interesting activities, this worthwhile event has now spanned 40 years and continues getting better all the time.

Session 1 for youth is scheduled for July 16 - July 21. Session 2, the adult camping vacation is from July 23 through July 28.

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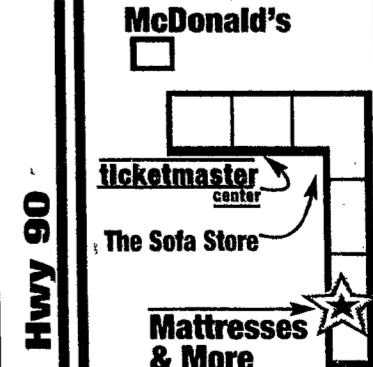
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OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

An open house will be conducted from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, June 25, for Hancock Medical Center's Port Bienville Clinic.

The new HMC clinic is for the employees of the Port Bienville Industrial Park in addition to the residents of Pearlinton, Lakeshore, Ansley, Heron Bay, BaySide Park and immediate area.

The new clinic is located next to the Port Bienville Training Center and across from the Hancock Bank branch office.

The clinic is dedicated to Robert H. Baxter, long-time Hancock Medical Center trustee and Pearlinton and Logtown.

The general public is invited and encouraged to attend the open house on Monday and see the beautiful health care facility in their area.

Theresa Cuevas, certified family nurse practitioner, is the clinic's manager. The telephone number is 228-533-9000.

I understand Pearl River Community College's Hancock County Alumni Chapter is really going great according to Frank Ladner, chapter president.

There are still many PRCC alumni who are not members and need to do so.

The PRCC Hancock County Alumni Chapter will meet Monday, June 25, 5:30 p.m. at the Hancock County Courthouse in the Board of Supervisor's room on the second floor.

All PRCC alumni are welcome and urged to attend, according to Ladner. There are no dues to become a member.

Tomorrow evening's meeting will be to distribute tickets for an upcoming fund raiser. The funds will be used to begin a scholarship program for PRCC.

For further information, contact Frank Ladner at 467-7130.

The 53rd annual Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo begins 12:01 a.m. on Friday, June 29 and continues through July 4.

As in the past, Hancock County will be well represented at the fishing rodeo billed at the 'World's Largest Fishing Rodeo' which will run for six days.

This fishing rodeo is one that

there is really no cost to enter. All a fisherman has to do is register before beginning to fish for prizes.

And prizes, there are many, and some very valuable. This is a saltwater and also a freshwater fishing rodeo.

The official rodeo fishing waters are anywhere in the Mississippi Sound of the Gulf of Mexico; fresh water fishing anywhere in the bays, bayous, rivers, creeks and lakes in Mississippi. Fish must be caught with conventional tackle and in a sportsmanlike manner.

The fishing rodeo headquarters is the Rice Pavilion, Gulfport, U.S. 90 at Highway 49.

Scales are to open 10 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. on June 29, 30 and July 1, 2 and 3 and open at 10 a.m. on July 4 and close at 4 p.m. There is also a kids fishing rodeo for those under age 12 on Saturday, July 1, from sun up to 6 p.m. in 11 categories.

To top off the fishing rodeo is a big fireworks display on the night of July 4. The feature attraction is the tons of fish on display, caught by the contestants, the carnival, rides, booths, food plus other attractions. It is time to get your fishing gear ready.

Lots of things will be happening next weekend over the long July 4 weekend.

The annual Our Lady of the Gulf Crab Festival will take place June 29 through July 1. Once again Hancock County Circuit Clerk Pam Metzler is the general chairman.

Pam, along with Crab Fest workers have been very busy in recent weeks making preparations for the big event.

The Crab Fest will be held on the grounds next to Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, Beach Boulevard, Bay St. Louis.

Also, St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church will be celebrating its 75th year of its founding by the Society of Divine Word Missionaries and will hold its 75th Annual Fair on June 29, 30 and July 1.

St. Rose's events will take place on the school grounds across from the church on Nacaise Avenue in Bay St. Louis.

A DOWN PAYMENT ON TAX RELIEF



FROM THE SENATE

By U.S. Senator
Trent Lott

President Bush's \$1.35 billion tax relief package will take effect almost immediately with advance rebate checks of \$300 to \$600 arriving in taxpayers' mailboxes this summer.

The relief impacts 750,000 Mississippi households - totaling \$310 million that will go from Washington into the pockets of working families throughout the Magnolia State.

Americans who did not pay income taxes won't get a check. Americans who did pay income taxes will. This is an income tax relief bill for income tax payers. Millions of income tax paying Americans from all brackets - lower and upper incomes are being given this advance reimbursement.

I am disappointed that a few of my Congressional colleagues, including two members of Mississippi's delegation, declined to join a majority of Republicans and Democrats in support of President Bush's tax relief effort and its refund to you.

As we saw in the Presidential election, voters throughout middle America demonstrated that they solidly support the Bush agenda, including tax relief. Yet, ironically some of your representatives in Washington seem reluctant to trust your judgment, or to trust you with your own money.

However, the taxers didn't

prevail in this political battle. The taxpayers did. Now beginning the week of July 23 and going nonstop through the week of September 24, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will be dispensing about ten million advance tax rebate checks per week.

Generally, single taxpayers who paid federal income taxes for 2000 may receive up to \$300, while heads of households could receive up to \$500 and married couples could receive up to \$600. As a taxpayer, you don't have to call, fill out any forms or do anything else to receive this reimbursement.

All you have to do is check the mail. As a taxpayer, you will learn by mid-July the specific amount which you are to be reimbursed. The IRS will send you a letter describing the amount you are to receive, and the exact week between July 23 and September 24 that you can

expect the check.

Though we commonly refer to this tax package as the Bush Tax Cut, this legislation has a formal title - The Economic Growth and Tax Reconciliation Act of 2001.

Notice the first part. Economic growth and tax policy go hand in hand, and this advance payment is meant to help stir our slowing economy.

Despite the propensity of liberals to tax and spend, even the most novice observer of America's economy knows that when taxes are lower and Americans have more money to spend or save, that in turn puts more money into our economy, instead of sitting in Washington.

Then our economy grows, and this money benefits taxpayers and their local communities, instead of Washington bureaucracies which govern and regulate, but can do nothing to cre-

ate real, long-term economic growth and the jobs it brings.

This tax relief means more than a quarter of a billion dollars will be coming back into Mississippi. This money that was originally in our state, but was taxed out of the hands of working Mississippians and put in Washington coffers, where it would have likely been spent by someone else, far away from the Delta, Gulf Coast, Pine Belt, Golden Triangle or Red Clay Hills of Mississippi.

Liberal, tax apologists can say what they want, but when a quarter-billion dollars come into Mississippi's economy that certainly has a positive impact.

I will continue to support efforts to reduce the tax burden on the American people. It is way too high. The tax code is way too complex, and I don't know how some folks can continually defend either one.

Our founding fathers never intended for our country to have an income tax when they wrote the Constitution. We can argue about the reasons of the income tax, but in times of high taxation, peace and government surplus like today, we should give the wisdom of our founding fathers the benefit of the doubt.

Meanwhile, if you'd like more information about these upcoming payments, you can call 1-800-829-1040 or look on the web at: www.irs.gov.



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TECHNICALITIES

By State Auditor
Phil Bryant
GENERAL

Q Is a church-operated day care center required to purchase a privilege license?

A A privilege tax is not imposed upon a day care center which is operated by a church properly qualified as a non-profit. (Attorney General's opinion to Myers dated March 14, 2001)

Q Has Section 71-5-351 which establishes the settlement due date for employers to pay unemployment compensation to the Employment Security Commission been changed?

A Yes. House Bill 699, 2001 Regular Session, effective July 1, 2001 provides that payments be made on the last day of the month following each calendar quarter, rather than each month.

Q Has Section 99-19-73 been amended to increase the state uniform assessment upon criminal convictions?

A Yes. (House Bill 820, 2001 Regular Session, effective July 2, 2001)

Q May an automobile dealership be granted a tax exemption pursuant to Section 27-3 1-101?

A No. An automobile dealership does not meet the definition of any of the enterprises described in the statute. (Attorney General's opinion to Richardson dated March 30, 2001)

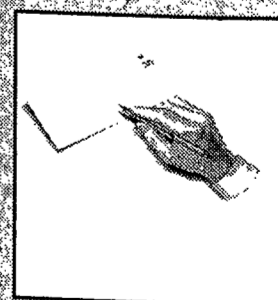
Q Are law enforcement agencies allowed to obtain vehicle registration information on defendants charged with second offense DUI?

A Yes. Neither the Federal

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



Driver's Privacy Protection Act nor the Mississippi State Tax Commission Revenue Rule #3 prohibits the release of information to a court or a law enforcement agency.

The information may be obtained from the State Tax Commission by local law enforcement agencies by following the steps prescribed in Revenue Rule #3. (Attorney

General's opinion to Ross dated March 30, 2001)

Q Is Section 45-2-1 regarding the Law Enforcement Officers' Death Benefits to be applied retroactively?

A No. (Attorney General's opinion to Thomas dated March 23, 2001)

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Bosnia Deployment

Corporal Jesse Nicholson mans a .50 caliber machine gun atop a Humvee while he conveys his position at a checkpoint at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Ft. Polk, La. Nicholson, of Pass Christian, is a May graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi in physical education. He is a member of Company B, 1st Battalion, 155th Infantry, headquartered in Bay St. Louis and Poplarville. Several hundred Mississippi Army National Guardsmen recently underwent mobilization readiness exercises prior to their deployment to Bosnia later this year as part of the peacekeeping Stabilization Force. They are known as the Mississippi Rifles Task Force. (Photo by Maj. Danny Blanton, MSARNG)

Bay prepares for inauguration

Bay St. Louis city workers are deep in preparation for the June 28 inauguration ceremonies of Mayor Eddie Favre and the city's newest council. Favre, who defeated former Councilman Tad Black in recent elections, will take office for the fourth time.

The public ceremonies will be Thursday, June 28 at 6 p.m. at historic City Park, 300 South Second Street.

Members of the St. Rose Gospel Choir will perform beginning at 5:45 p.m. and sing until arrival of the mayor and council for the official swearing-in ceremonies.

Mistress of ceremonies for the event is Clementine Williams, educator and civic volunteer and activist. Fr. Michael Tracey, pastor of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, will offer the invocation, followed by the presentation of colors by Bay High JROTC.

Local entertainer Sherry Schwabacher will lead the singing of the National Anthem, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by citizen and veteran John Wilkerson.

Following the retirement of

the colors, Circuit Judge Stephen B. Simpson will administer the oath of office to William E. Taylor, councilman-at-large; District One Councilman Doug Seal; James C. Thriffley, III, District Two; Councilman Thomas Farve, District Three councilman; and District Four Councilman Bobby Compretta. Favre will take the final oath.

The mayor will share a brief inaugural address, followed by a special tribute sung by Schwabacher. Pastor Jeffrey Reed, Powerhouse of Deliverance, will deliver the benediction.

Light refreshments will be served following the ceremonies.

"We have had so many volunteers offer their help that these ceremonies have been much easier to plan than the mayor's previous three," said Mike Cuevas, coordinator.

Champion Chrysler, the city's newest car dealership, is providing transportation for the mayor and council. Bloomers, the city's newest florist is providing the flowers. Ruth's Bakery is preparing another

cake creation to be cut and served by Ruth Thompson and Judy Fletcher.

Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District will be preparing the punch, and Carter Church of Carter Church Designs is handling all of the decorative arrangements.

"The Bay St. Louis inaugural ceremonies have changed dramatically from the 1977 swearing-in of the first officers of the mayor-council form of government.

"Moving the ceremonies from the city hall balcony to the city park lawn and shoofly has encouraged a more intimate ceremony embraced by the public. Attendance at each inaugural has grown considerably. We are expecting an audience of 600 or more family, friends and supporters of Bay St. Louis to attend," Cuevas said.

Members of the inaugural committee include Cuevas; Barbara Redding; Linda Gavagnie; Debbie McNeil; Terry McQueen; Herbert Dubuisson; Mary Burch; Darleen Moran; Hancock Chamber executive director; and Hancock Tourism Bureau Director Beth Carriere.

Relay For Life set for July 20 at Bay's McCullough Stadium

Want to participate in the nation's largest fundraiser and help find a cure for cancer? Then call your friends and family, lace up your walking shoes and get ready for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

Join people from all walks of life on July 20 at J. D. McCullough Stadium for an overnight team event to celebrate survivorship and raise money and awareness in the fight against cancer.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's national signature event where participants walk, run, stroll and shuffle around a track during the community event.

Relay For Life participants are encouraged to camp out around the track and take part in family fun activities when they aren't taking their turn on

the track.

Team members just never know what to expect at Relay For Life. From creative and outrageous team themes and fully decorated campsites to food, family and fun, Relay For Life always inspires, entertains and motivates participants to continue the crusade against cancer.

On the "fun" raising front, teams from companies and organizations collect donations and win prizes for their efforts. To keep the night lively, there is music, lots of good food, a silent auction and games.

"Relay For Life is not just about raising money, it's about raising awareness and bringing attention to this horrible disease," said Kerry Clark from the American Cancer Society. "Many of the participants are

cancer survivors themselves and they are living proof of the strides we have made in the fight against cancer."

The dollars raised at Relay For Life will allow the American Cancer Society to continue funding cancer research, develop new prevention and detection programs and continue providing its expansive patient support programs.

"Register your team now and get involved in everyone's fight against the disease, which will strike one in two men and one in three women during their lifetime," said spokesperson Kerry Clark.

To register, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or (228) 896-8936 or visit the web anytime at www.cancer.org.

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Flood raises questions about health

Gulf Coast residents with early summer flooding face possible health hazards while putting homes and workplaces back together, according to public health officials.

The Department of Health cautions residents to protect their personal health and safety from potential hazards that usually occur during a flood and its aftermath.

"After a flood, the physical devastation to a community is obvious," said State Epidemiologist Dr. Mary Currier. "Flooding can bring with it sewage contamination, which might contain pathogens. These pathogens cause diarrhea and other diseases if a person gets the contaminated water in his mouth."

She continued, "Both outdoor cleanup, with the use of power tools and chain saws by people who do not often use them, and indoor cleanup which can include the risk of puncture wounds or scrapes from uncovered nails might lead to injuries."

Outbreaks of communicable diseases after floods are unusual, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states that if an individual receives a puncture wound or a wound

contaminated with feces, soil or saliva that person should have a doctor or health department determine whether a tetanus booster is necessary based on individual needs.

According to Mississippi Emergency Management Association (MEMA) officials, flooding is Mississippi's number one disaster. Flood victims should use caution when re-entering a flooded home.

"Flooding might have swollen doors tight," said MEMA Director Robert Latham. "When the entrance must be forced open because of swollen doors, accumulated mud, or bulged floors, try to enter through a window or other opening."

MEMA offers homeowners these precautions when returning to homes after a flood:

- Do not eat food that has come into contact with flood waters.
- Do not handle live electrical equipment in wet areas.
- Have an expert check all equipment before returning it to service.
- Ask the gas company to check your home for leaks and to turn the gas on properly.

"To ensure the safe and speedy recovery of the citizens along the Gulf Coast in the

affected counties, MEMA is working closely with the Department of Health on health-related issues that result from flooding and severe weather," said Latham.

Another health concern among Gulf Coast residents after severe flooding is mold.

"One should worry about possible mold growth only if the contamination is extensive," said Currier. "Allergic persons vary in their sensitivities to mold, both as to amount and type needed to cause reactions."

When mold appears in large quantities, they can cause allergic symptoms similar to those caused by plant pollen. Sources of indoor moisture that can cause problem include flooding, backed-up sewers, leaky roofs, damp basement or crawl spaces, and constant plumbing leaks.

Health Department Epidemiologist Bruce Brackin said the simplest approach is this: "If you can see or smell mold, you have a problem. It is important to quickly identify and correct any moisture sources because mold can cause not only health effects in some sensitive individuals, but also structural damage to one's home."

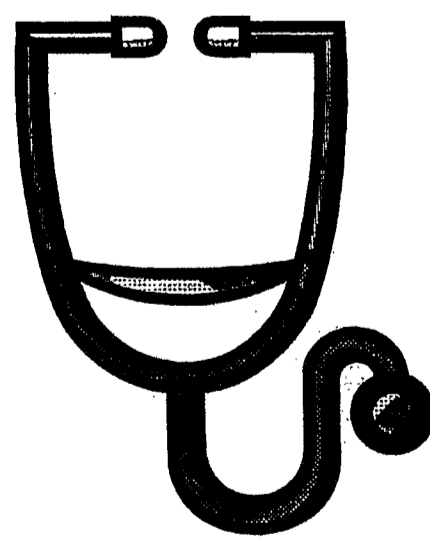
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SPORTS

StingRays turn VoodooDogs into puppies

By Dwayne Bremer

The Gulf Coast StingRays started their season off on the right foot with an impressive 34-7 victory over the Louisiana VoodooDogs last week.

"We played a really good game on defense and special teams. I was really proud of the guys. Their hard work paid off tonight," said head coach Matt Karl.

The StingRays special teams got things going early in the first quarter as Dennis Roscoe returned a punt 43 yards for the first touchdown of the year. The point after failed, but just five minutes into the game the StingRays had a 6-0 lead.

The StingRays then fooled the VoodooDogs with an on-sides kick, which was recovered by Jamel Mayo at the 45.

The teams would trade turnovers, and the Dogs would take over at their own 14 late in the first quarter.

The StingRay defense then began its all-night nightmare of hounding the Dogs' offense. On first down Torinio Jones made a big tackle in the backfield for a two-yard loss.

On the next play Brian Breland sacked quarterback Michael Goverdale, and forced a fumble. Derrick Cook pounced on the loose football at the 11, and the StingRays were in great shape.

The StingRay offense would cash in as Brian "The Big Train" Laneaux would bulldoze his way into the endzone three

plays later.

The StingRays' offense would then go for two. On the play quarterback Carl Gibson rolled out right and nailed Ricky Whitaker in the back of the endzone for the conversion. The StingRays had a 14-0 lead with 14:35 to go in the second quarter.

The StingRay defense continued their harassment of the Dogs' offense on their next possession. Taking over at the 20 the Dogs attempted to run up the middle. Louis Burton and Ricky Toles had other ideas though, as they stopped the Dogs' runner for a three-yard loss. On the next play Burton poured in and smashed Goverdale for a sack. The ball came loose for the jarring hit, and Burton wisely pounced on the ball at the seven.

The StingRays could not punch the ball into the endzone, but Scott Pepperman came on to boot a 22-yard field goal, and the StingRays' lead 17-0.

After a defensive stop the StingRays' special teams came up big again. This time Marlon Norris took a punt at the 44 yard line. Norris turned on the jets, and motored down the sidelines 42 yards to the 14.

Two plays later the StingRays hit pay dirt again. This time it was quarterback Orvurn Hayden who was rotating with Gibson.

Hayden took the ball and went around the right side on a bootleg. Hayden broke a tackle

and scampered into the endzone for the score. Pepperman added the point after, and the StingRays opened up a 24-0 lead.

The VoodooDogs would finally get a break, as the StingRays were driving late in the half. Quarterback Carl Gibson made a bad decision and threw the ball right to Kantrelle Stewart at the 20-yard line. Stewart took the interception all the way back for an 80-yard touchdown. The Dogs added the point after, and with just 1:33 to play in the half the Dogs had cut the StingRay lead to 24-7.

The StingRays would benefit from a good kickoff return by Donald Hill, and Gibson would be quick to redeem himself, as he commanded an excellent drive in the two-minute drill. Gibson started things out by hitting Laneaux on a screen pass that netted eight yards.

Gibson then zipped a crossing route over the middle to Roscoe, who broke a tackle and ran 38 yards down to the 11. As time was running down, Gibson spotted Laneaux in the flat and hit him with the pass. Laneaux then chugged into the endzone.

Pepperman added the point after, and with just :08 seconds left the StingRays had a 31-7 lead.

The second half saw the StingRay defense continue its dominance. Cook and Breland had sacks, and Archie Osgood

made three nice stops to foil the Dogs.

With the Dogs backed up on their own two, they decided to attempt a quick kick on third down. The punt traveled to the 42 where Holden Stegal picked it up for the StingRays. Stegal turned upfield, and saw plenty of open space as he rumbled 30 yards to the 12.

The StingRays could not cash in, and after a penalty they were faced with a fourth and long from the 26.

Pepperman came on a booted a 43-yard field goal to give the StingRays a 34-7 lead. The field goal was the longest ever by Pepperman and also by a StingRay.

The StingRays would then be content on running down the clock, as they rested some players in from the hot summer evening.

"Our defense has come a long way, and were are on track to getting where we need to be to be competitive in this league," said Defensive Coach Steve Odham.

The StingRays would like to thank the almost 700 fans who showed up to support the team.

The StingRays will travel to Alabama this week, and they will be home again on June 30 to play the Okaloosa Knights. Kickoff will be at 7 p.m. at St. Stanislaus field "In Between The Walls."



Father's Day treat

Justin Main, 11, of Bay St. Louis, took his father fishing at Cedar Point for Father's Day. Using a Zebco 33 and dead shrimp, Justin caught this 8-pound sheepshead for their dinner.

Fire Dogs name players of the week

The Mississippi Fire Dogs of the National Indoor football League, NIFL, have announced the team's selections for offensive, defensive and special teams players of the game, after the Fire Dogs' 35-38 win in the Dog House against the Johnston J-Dogs.

Third year Quarterback #9 Stu Rayburn was selected offensive player of the game. Rayburn completed 12 of 14 passes for 136 yards and three touchdowns through the air while rushing for two additional touchdowns on the night.

Head Coach Irvin Favre said, "Stu came in and played extremely well when our starter was struggling and gave the team a huge boost. He made the difference for us on offense."

Defensive player of the game goes to second year Defensive Lineman #78 Tim Bell. Bell was in on a 2.5 tackles, three tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks.

Favre said, "Tim made big plays all night on defense. He pressured the quarterback all night and helped in stuffing the run."

Special team player of the game goes to first year Running Back #22 Dexter Thomas who had 97 yards on five returns

and was in on one special teams tackle.

Favre said, "Dexter is one of the smallest players in the league, but he has one of the biggest hearts. Watch him on kickoff coverage making tackles and sacrificing his body, and he can break one at anytime on a return or out of the backfield."

The 9-1 Fire Dogs will travel to Tupelo to take on the red hot 5-5 Fire Ants Friday, June 22. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

For information call the Mississippi Fire Dogs office at 228-388-1876.



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New coach

Jay Artigues officially became Pearl River Community College's head baseball coach Tuesday when the college's Board of Trustees okayed his hiring at its June meeting held on the PRCC Forrest County center campus in Hattiesburg. Artigues, an All-Region XXIII performer for the Wildcats the 1988 and 1989 seasons, has served as head coach at Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier City, La., for the past three seasons. He succeeds 14-year head coach Jim Nightengale. Here Artigues is interviewed by a sports reporter following the board meeting. Artigues is a Bay St. Louis native. (PRCC photo)

Bay to host district Babe Ruth baseball tournaments this week

City Recreation Director Gus Way announces that beginning June 25 the Bay will see license plates from cars from throughout south Mississippi in Bay St. Louis for the 9-10 and 13-year-olds Babe Ruth District tournaments.

The tournaments will be June 25-30 at the Bay St. Louis Athletic Complex, Athletic Drive.

"Bay St. Louis Babe Ruth had another extraordinary year with 565 children registered to play baseball. Now we finish our year hosting two tournaments. Everyone wins with this type of success," said Mayor Eddie Favre.

The seven-field complex has hosted district or state tournaments every year since its opening for the 1996 season. The

Saltwater fishing rules, regulations book now available

The 2001-2002 edition of "A Guide to Mississippi Saltwater Fishing Rules and Regulations," which incorporates new and revised saltwater fishing regulations for the state of Mississippi, is now available at the DMR. The DMR's office is located at 1141 Bayview Ave., Suite 101, Biloxi.

For a free copy, please contact the public affairs office at (228) 374-5000 or stop by the DMR.

Copies will also be available at the DMR's booth at the 53rd Annual Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo at the Rice Pavilion in Gulfport, June 29-July 4, where the DMR will be selling recreational fishing licenses. All recreational fishing licenses expire June 30.



Cheerleader camp

Bay High cheerleaders attended camp with Universal Cheerleaders Association at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond. The squad received trophies for Most Improved Squad, second place in Camp Championship and Most Improved Mascot, Dusty Bankston. Individual awards went to Bonnie Myers, superior ribbon in jump-off competition grade nine and below; Brandi Rivers was selected All Star and earned a superior ribbon in jump-off competition for varsity; Johnny Hozey and Kendall Schindler were both selected All Star, and Schindler was selected to travel to the UCA home office in Memphis to model for Varsity Cheerleading Catalog. Team Members include, kneeling in front from left, Keri Cooper, Kendall Schindler, Brittany Strong, Kayla Russo and Lindsey Richardson; standing in back, Sheena Johnson, Johnny Hozey, Lacey Irlas, Felicity Ross, Jenny Patterson, Brandy Rivers, Blair Strong, Dusty Bankston, Ashley Ladner and Felicia Ross. Not pictured is Bonnie Myers.

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VICTOR J. COLSON
 Victor J. Colson, 78, of Mandeville, La., died Saturday, June 16, 2001, in Mandeville.

Mr. Colson was retired from the construction industry. He was a lifetime member of DAV, St. Bernard, La. and a veteran of World War II having served in the Coast Guard.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Vera B. Colson; his father, Victor Colson; a brother, Curtis Colson; and a sister, June Colson Stevens.

Survivors include his mother, Mae Adam Colson of Diamondhead; a son, Gene M. Colson of Covington; a sister, Vicki C. Theobald of Covington; a brother, Wayne Colson of Lakeshore; sisters Gail McConnon and Joyce Hicks, both of Diamondhead; five grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Visitation was Monday at Riemann Funeral Home chapel in Bay St. Louis followed by services and burial in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

RICHARD LADNER JR.

Infant Richard Ladner Jr. of Kiln died Tuesday, June 19, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Survivors include his parents, Richard and Norma Ladner of Kiln; his grandmother, Betty Ladner of Bay St. Louis; his great-grandmother,

Mamie Smith of Columbia, Miss.; and sisters Mary Carter, Victoria Aldridge and Katelyn Ladner, all of Kiln.

Visitation will be today, June 24, 2:30-4 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home Chapel in Bay St. Louis. A procession will leave the funeral home to Bayou Coco Cemetery for a 4:30 p.m. graveside service.

EDWARD LANCASTER

Edward M. Lancaster, 50, of Kiln, died Monday, June 11, 2001, in San Pedro, Honduras.

Mr. Lancaster was a graduate of Park Hill High School in Kansas City, Mo. and had been a resident of the Coast for 30 years. He had been an Eagle Scout and was part owner of TMA International. He was of the Lutheran faith.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene Lancaster of Kiln; his parents, Earl and Alvera Lancaster of Weatherby Lake, Mo.; a son, Chad Edward Lancaster and companion Erika Malley, both of Kiln; a daughter, Nicole Lashae Lancaster of Kiln; two brothers, Earl E. Lancaster and David Lancaster, both of Kansas City, Mo.; a sister, Patricia McCallon of Parkville, Mo.; and a granddaughter, Gabrielle Marie Lancaster of Kiln.

Visitation was Friday at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the funeral home with burial in Necaise Crossing Cemetery.

WANDA LILES

Wanda Butler Liles, 48, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, June 21, 2001, in Petal.

Mrs. Liles was employed as a computer analyst for 10 years with Stennis Space Center. She was a member of Shoreline Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis.

Survivors include her husband, Cecil Liles of Bay St. Louis; her mother, Dottie Sue Butler of Petal; a stepson, Trei Liles; a stepdaughter, Janie Liles, both of Vicksburg; and a brother, David Butler of Ellisville.

Visitation was Friday at Jones Funeral Home in Moselle. Services were conducted Saturday in the funeral home chapel with burial in Soules Chapel Cemetery.



CHARLES POOLSON SR.
 Charles Benjamin Poolson Sr., 93, a native and lifelong res-

ident of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, June 20, 2001, at his home.

Mr. Poolson was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Parish and a former member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1522. A mechanic by trade, he was a foreman of the Motor Pool at (MTO) Stennis Space Center, and as a member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 624, Gulfport, worked various jobs from Bay St. Louis to Pascagoula.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William B. and Mary Alice Farve Poolson; a sister, Mary Alice Poolson Moran; six brothers, William Franklin, Cornelius Claude, Louis Joseph, Walter Edward, Albert Jules, and John David Poolson; and a son-in-law, O.J. Mader, Jr.

Survivors include his wife of 75 years, Bernice Creel Poolson; two sons, Francis G. Poolson and his wife Page of Bay St. Louis, and Charles B. Poolson, Jr. of Kiln; two daughters, Mrs. O. J. (Audrey) Mader of Metairie, and Patricia Pitolo and her husband, Anthony Pitolo, Jr. of Bay St. Louis; 18 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Friday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday at Our Lady of the Gulf Church in Bay St. Louis with burial in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

2000-2001 oyster season sack total third highest in 30 years

Mississippi public oyster reefs closed to harvest May 11, officially ending the 2000-2001 oyster season. This season's sack total was 380,231 sacks, which nearly equaled last season's 32-year record harvest of 410,903 sacks.

This season marks the eighth year in a row that Mississippi oyster season sack totals exceeded 200,000 sacks and was the third highest in 30 years.

"We were fortunate again this year to have relatively few closures related to river stage and rainfall," said Scott Gordon, Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Shellfish Program Coordinator.

Sustaining this production level requires favorable environmental conditions and the implementation of good management practices with a proactive management, approach. Two such proactive methods used by the DMR are the following:

1. Cultivation - pulling unbagged dredges over existing reefs, exposing and breaking up old reefs and clusters to enhance spat set and harvesting opportunities.

Plans are already under way for a scheduled three-week detail to cultivate the Kittiwake (Long Beach) Reef, Buoy Reef, First Key and Umbrella Reef.

2. Reef Creation - planting suitable cultch material (oyster shell) for oysters to set in areas favorable for oyster production.

The most recent cultch plant was completed on May 17, 2001. This 50-acre cultch plant site is located about two miles southwest of the Pass Christian Harbor. About 3,500 cubic yards of oyster shell were planted at a total cost of about \$85,000.

This cultch plant was funded entirely with shell retention fees collected from fishermen and processors.

"The shell retention fees that were collected during this past oyster season will be put back into the resource in the form of

cultch plants," Gordon said. "The oyster industry is doing its part to sustain the valuable oyster resources of Mississippi."

The DMR is planning additional cultch plants for this fall. The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes.



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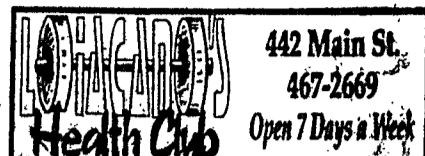
Hancock Woman's Club to take a summer sabbatical

The Hancock Woman's Club will take a sabbatical June, July and August allowing its members to enjoy the summer months for vacations and family guests.

The group is open for membership to ladies residing in the Hancock County area to enjoy the privileges, luncheons and programs.

Trips are often planned, and helping local charities make up the profile of the club.

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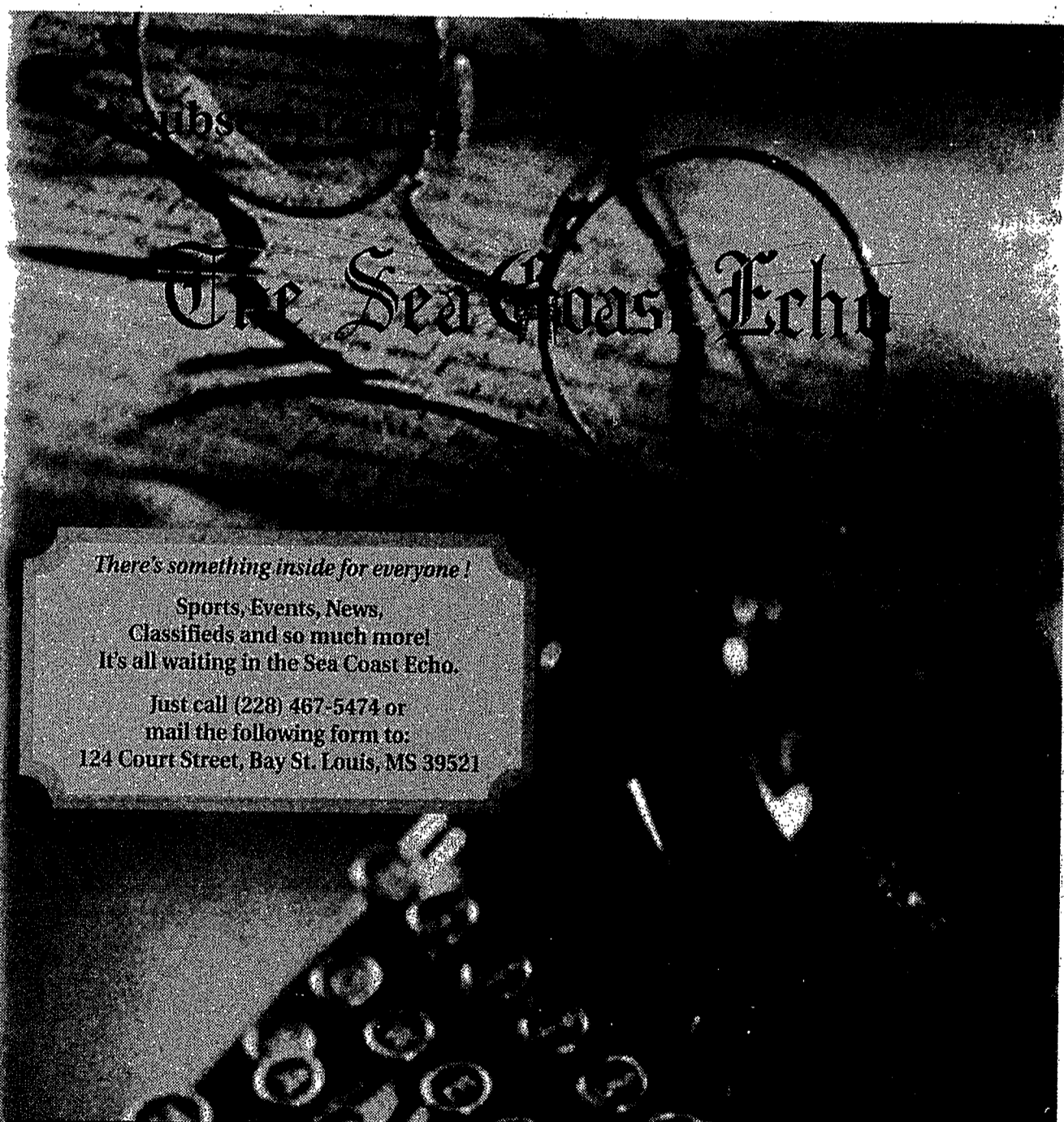
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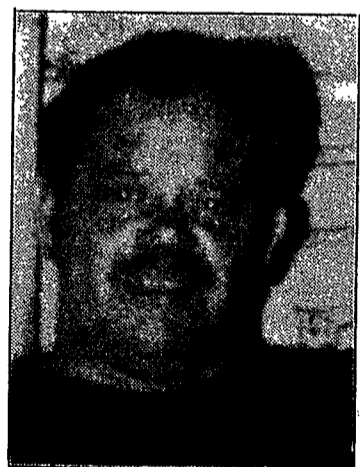
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It's been three long years since you left us my darling.

Thanks to family and friends who have supported me in my sorrow. I walk alone but not lonely. Until we meet again,

Rest peacefully my darling.

I miss you every day,
 Peggy & family

BUSINESS NEWS

Chamber to host bad check workshop

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the District Attorney's office and the Bay St. Louis Police Department, will host a workshop on Tuesday, June 26 from 6 til 7 p.m. to explain the most effective methods of collecting on bad or worthless checks.

The workshop is for both business and professionals and will cover the procedure for filing bad checks with the DA's office and explain how the

funds are collected.

Chris Schmidt and Suzette Ncaise, of District Attorney Cono Caranna's office, will assist in the program and are ready to assist you in the check collection process.

The workshop is June 26, 6-7 p.m. at the Mississippi Power Company meeting room in Bay St. Louis.

For information, call the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce at 228-467-9048.

Hancock Bank names Smith assistant vice president

Hancock University director Heather Smith leads Hancock's education and training programs as a newly appointed assistant vice president, according to a recent announcement by Hancock Bank President and Chief Executive Officer George A. Schloegel.

Smith, who began her Hancock Bank career in 1997, has over eight years of human resources experience, with emphases in career counseling, training and development consulting, job analysis, and performance management.

As Hancock's corporate dean of education, Smith oversees management and professional schools, skills training curriculum, career path analyses, and other comprehensive employee development initiatives operating under the Hancock University umbrella.

"We are pleased to recognize Heather Smith's accomplishments as director of our corporate university and look forward to her contributions as an assistant vice president," commented Schloegel.

Under Smith's direction during the past year, Hancock University developed 61 unique classes taught 507 times and created 26 new courses.

Chalking up more than 7,000 teaching hours, instructors trained 3,945 Hancock employees - a 10 percent increase in participation since 2000.

Additionally, training and education staff fine-tuned "Training in a Bag" to teach 458 employees at 98 different locations and administered knowledge based testing to improve product knowledge and account

documentation.

Indicative of Hancock's commitment to helping employees further their education, over 100 tuition reimbursements totaled almost \$26,000 for Year 2000.

Chattanooga, Tenn., native Smith earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) and a master of science degree in psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi (USM).

She is currently pursuing a doctorate in industrial/organizational psychology at USM. A former UTC professional development director, she also served as a Pearl River Community College-Hattiesburg vocational trainer and a corporate job analyst.

Smith maintains professional affiliations with the American Society of Training and Development (ASTD) and the national Society of Human Resources Management (SHRM) and holds both Myers Briggs and Occupational Personality

Questionnaire certifications. Smith recently partnered with Hancock's marketing department to create the management endorsed H.A.N.C.O.C.K. program, a culture oriented wow-factor plan designed to reiterate and preserve corporate focus on exceptional service.

Hancock Holding Company (NASDAQ: HBHC), the parent company of Hancock Bank (Mississippi) and Hancock Bank of Louisiana, has assets of \$3 billion.



Smith



Floodplain meeting

Bill Carrigee, left, city building official and president of the Association of Floodplain Managers of Mississippi, and Jamie Miller, right, Pascagoula flood plain manager and the state organizations vice president, accept the official chapter recognition at the recent annual conference for floodplain managers.

Carrigee represents state at national conference

Bay St. Louis Building Official Bill Carrigee represented his city and the state of Mississippi at the 25th annual Conference of the Association of State Floodplain Managers in Charlotte, N.C. in early June. Carrigee serves as the president of the Mississippi Association of Floodplain Managers.

The theme of the conference, "Plan - Prepare - Protect," emphasized the new trends in floodplain management. "With over 50 vendors we had the opportunity to see amazing innovations in protection products like hydrostatic vents and flood proofing for commercial buildings," said Carrigee.

Carrigee attended education sessions that included flood-proofing, mapping and engineering standards, public education, stormwater management, flood insurance, mitigation, coastal issues and floodplain regulations. In addition he also attended several technical program tracks.

During the general session attended by more than 1200 emergency management people representing most of the 50 states in a federal, state or local capacity, the Association of Floodplain Managers of Mississippi chapter officially accepted into the organization.

Accepting the official recognition were Carrigee and Jamie Miller, Pascagoula, the state organization vice president.

"This continuing education in floodplain management is vital to the City of Bay St. Louis. Many insurance rates have been lowered because of our practices. Existing homes and new construction is better protected because of the floodplain management measures the city has taken, in part from what we have learned from our peers throughout the country," said Mayor Eddie Favre.

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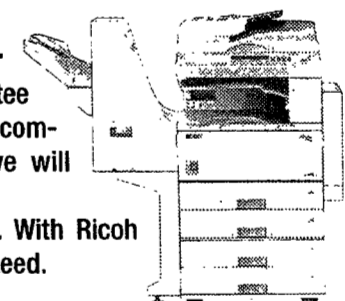
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Commission bans 6 for life

By TIMOTHY R. BROWN
Associated Press Writer
JACKSON, Miss. (AP) - Six men have been banned from Mississippi casinos by the state Gaming Commission, including two convicted for passing fake \$100 bills at Gulf Coast gambling houses.

August Lamar Fortenberry and Roger William Leshner were among those receiving lifetime bans Thursday from the commission.

Gregory A. Hamilton, Dennis James McAfee, Vincent McFarland and Grover Wayne Wright also are on Mississippi's exclusion list. Hamilton is from Memphis, Tenn. Commission officials did not have hometowns of the others.

The men are among seven people who will make Mississippi's inaugural issue of "black book" of individuals barred from gambling at the state's 30 casinos.

Chuck Patton, the commission's executive director, said Fortenberry and Leshner were recently convicted on counterfeiting charges.

The men engaged in criminal conduct "detrimental to gaming in Mississippi," Patton said.

There is no set criteria that goes into evaluating whether

someone should be banned for life, he said.

"It is a judgment issue as to how bad a person has to be before they are excluded,"

Patton said. "We are going to do something very similar to Louisiana," Bennett said, referring that state's exclusion book.

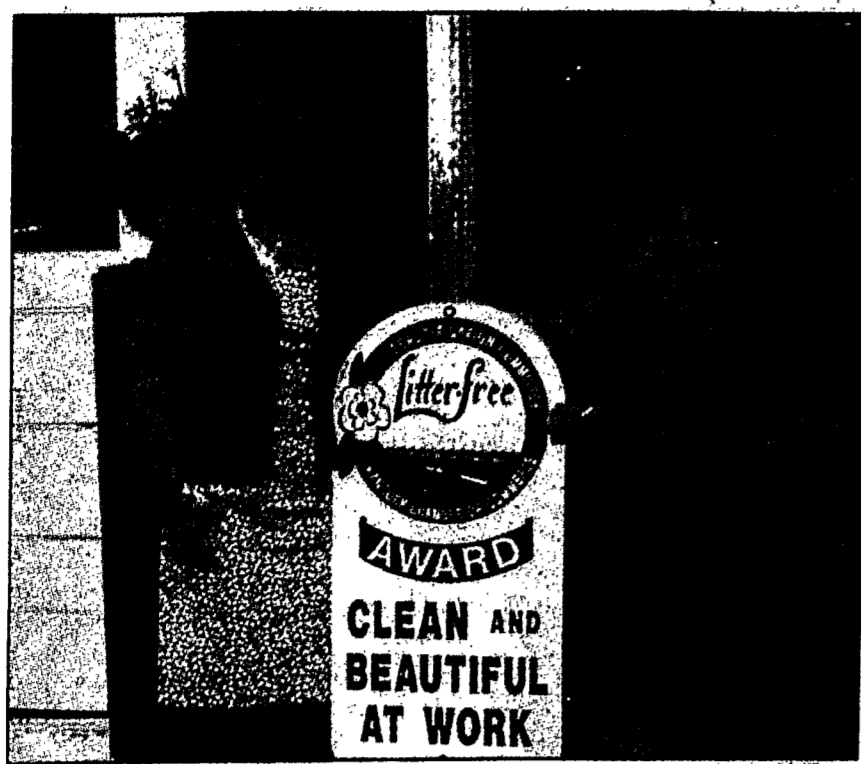
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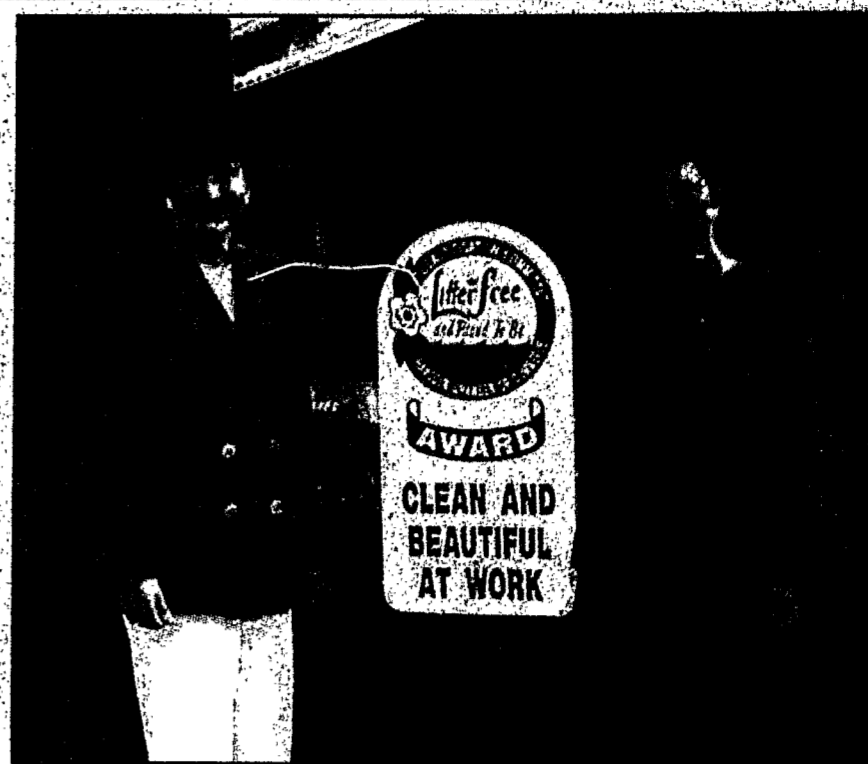
Clean & Beautiful Awards



Pam West, attorney, Bay St. Louis.



Lutheran Church of the Pines, Waveland



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Casino Magic, Bay St. Louis

Echo staff photos by Ellis C. Cuevas

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Clean and Beautiful awards for June were presented last week. Receiving the awards in Bay St. Louis were Pam West, attorney, left, and Sandy Seymour Necaise, paralegal, Gex Street, for their beautiful potted blooming plants; and from left, Christian Reese, Casino Magic public relations manager, and Betsy Ashman, chamber beautification co-chair. Casino Magic, Bay St. Louis is in the process of a complete grounds beautification project. Todd Raziano is Casino Magic's general manager. Receiving the award for Waveland was the Lutheran Church of the Pines, Hwy. 90, which has made a complete renovation of the church in addition to grounds landscaping. Those in photo are, from left, Terry Guenard, Church Council secretary; and Arlen Asmus, Church Council member, who was also in charge of the grounds landscaping. Selected in Diamondhead was the Whitney National Bank. In photo are, from left, Cindy Knoblock, branch manager, and Ashman.

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Hancock declared disaster area

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

President George W. Bush has declared five counties in Mississippi, including Hancock, eligible for federal disaster funding following Tropical Storm Allison's deluge and flooding.

The funds would be used to repair public roads and bridges, buildings and other infrastructure damaged by the heavy rains and flooding.

Local Civil Defense Director Lynette Carbon said she has been busy inventorying county damages, and estimates a total \$1 million repair costs. "It's mainly damage to roads,

bridges and public building," she said.

Carbon said an estimated 33 homes in Hancock County reported damage, but none of the federal funds can be used for individual assistance.

The state, however, can help. Funds are available to homeowners and renters who sustained damage through the state Disaster Housing Program.

The program offers grants that do not have to be repaid. The toll-free number to call for assistance is 1/800-434-4243. There might also be Small Business Administration loans for individuals, but at press

time, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency had not worked out the details with that agency.

Gov. Ronnie Musgrove asked the President to declare Harrison, Hancock, Pearl River, Jackson and George Counties eligible for disaster relief funds Tuesday after initial damage estimates topped \$6 million.

Gulfport reported the highest damage, with a \$1.2 price tag estimated to repair flooded or washed out streets. The city is also seeking \$2.2 million to remove silt from Turkey Creek and Flat Creek. The heavy rainfall impacted the silt problem already present.

Bay police dept. makes summer rounds

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Lt. Don Ocho and Officer Anderson Hall don't get a summer break like the students they primarily serve. Their summer includes working with the 35 counselors conducting the St. Stanislaus summer camp, conducting special safety classes with the children attending activities at the Save Our Children Center, and responding to requests to fingerprint local Boy Scouts.

Officer Hall has been spend-

ing some "out of school" time with local junior high students discussing peer pressure and attitude.

The two officers are available to meet with neighborhood groups who want to establish Neighborhood Watch, businesses interested in a variety of safety classes from handling bad checks to shoplifting.

Both officers are members of the city's speakers bureau and often partner with members of the Fire Department to present

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Flowering vines give color until first frost



SOUTHERN GARDENING
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Many gardeners want plants that will bloom all summer right up until fall. The first option always seems to be New Gold lantana. Believe it or not, there is a tropical vine that will bloom until the first freeze as well. It is called Brazilian Jasmine, or Mandevilla.

As the common name suggests, Mandevilla is from Brazil, but at the garden center you will get the feeling it is one of the locals. It is related to the Allamanda vine with its yellow, bell-shaped flowers, and to plumeria, the flowers that leis are made out of in Hawaii.

For years, the most popular variety has been Alice du Pont with its loads of large, pink, bell-shaped flowers on a vigorous vine. The dark, glossy leaves have a leathery feel. If you have seen a big, pink-flowered vine growing up a neighbor's mailbox, this was probably the plant.

I suspect that Alice du Pont will find tough competition this year and in the near future. There are two new red varieties: Best Red and my favorite, Ruby Star. The Best Red starts out red and ends up looking closer in color to Alice du Pont. The Ruby Star has pointed petals and holds the red much better. Both are great plants.

Those of you who like white with a blush of pink will love White Delight or Monte. These also have pointed petals and are every bit as vigorous as Alice du Pont.

Those looking for the truly fancy will want to look for Pink

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Fighting fire with ...



The Hancock County Forestry Commission crew. Pictured on the fire tower are County Forester Mark Jamieson, Forestry Technician Ora Cuevas, Crew Member Frank M. Delsied, and Crew Chiefs Larry Hoda and Bruce Bennett. Other crew members Pam Spencer and Jennifer Hicks were enjoying a day off. Crew Chief Albert Daniels was helping at a wildfire in the Everglades.

Echo Staff Photos by Bennie Shallbetter

Hancock's forestry commission fire fighters use every means available ... all over the country

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The crews of the Mississippi Forestry Commission are a lot more than a bunch of men and women who sit around watching pine trees. "That's what we feel like people think we do most of the time," said Crew Chief Larry Hoda. "We would just like them to know how much more there is to the job."



What the commission does in practical terms is protect an \$11 billion/year timber industry which supplies 129,000 jobs to people statewide. Forestland covers 62 percent of

Mississippi and taking care of it is a full-time job.

Even so, many of the forestry employees in Hancock County still find time to participate in state and federal

exchange programs which take them all over the country to help other areas fight wildfires.

To qualify to be Wildland Firefighters, they must pass strenuous physical and practical testing. What unites most of these men and women is a love of the outdoors and a desire to protect valuable natural resources, as well as homes and property in forest areas.

The main fire season in Mississippi is from October through May, said Crew Chief Larry Hoda, but if there are drought conditions like last year, then the summer can be busy too. And the drier it is, the hotter the fire burns, said Forestry Technician Ora

Cuevas. County Forester Mark Jamieson said that a lot of the fires in Hancock County are a result of someone purposely setting them.

"People may set a fire to burn brush for rabbit hunting, then it gets out of hand," said Jamieson. "There are as many reasons for setting fires as there are fires, and most people think the fire won't get out of control. Even a hot car muffler or catalytic converter can set a fire in tall grass, or broken glass in the woods can act as a catalyst - the grass may look green and still be dry."

Last year, a man left a debris fire unattended and it burned his house down,

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Everything fine, then 'Along came Allison'

I was awakened by a large body being pressed against me, damp hot breath on my face and Stella screaming.

I tried to sit up, but the confusion continued. Whatever it was in bed with us, was now trying to get under the top sheet and Stella was grabbing at it, yelling for me to help and for Jennie to get out of there.

This last brought a thread of reasoning to what was happening, but did little to stop the confusion: Jennie had heard thunder and had decided to get in bed with us. Not just in bed, she had decided to get between the two of us and to get under the covers as well. She was well into doing this last bit when I grog-

gily began to understand what was taking place.

I pushed and Stella pulled. It wasn't easy. To us it was just a rather abrupt, noisy awakening. To Jennie it was the end of western civilization, the announcement of the apocalypse, and the sinking of the North American continent! She wasn't sure which or even if it might be all three. She was quite willing to tell us all about this, but first she wanted under those covers!

Finally Stella was able to get her hands on that part of Jennie that had a collar and dragging her off the bed, force walked the terrified dog out of the room to the distant garage.

I stood there for a moment dazed by the whole thing and listened. There was faint thunder to the southwest, but that

was all. I decided it was probably going to pass us by again as it had been doing for the last few days. Without waiting for Stella to return, I got back in bed and was asleep in seconds.

Allison came by about a half hour later. Last year we had a drought similar to the one we have had for most of this year. At that time in frustration, I had written a prayer to be placed in the paper to go at the end of my Sunday column.

My rational was that if General Patton could order his chaplain to write a prayer for good weather during the Battle of the Bulge, I could write a small prayer for bad weather. The paper printed the column and the following week it rained pretty heavy for several days.

People began telling me "not to put any more prayers in the paper."

Well, when things got bad again this year, when day after day went by without a drop of rain and the ground in the garden started to have a hard pan consistency, I decided to rerun my rain prayer column. I felt that we really needed rain and a written entreaty for some type of rain wouldn't hurt and would make all of us feel good.

Now, along came Allison to visit us in the middle of the night.

We heard it when it came, not because of any loud thunder, but because of the noise of lashing rain and howling, swirling wind. It was loud, it was immediate and it seemed to be coming from all directions.

Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
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Stella and I leaped up out of bed and ran around the house lowering the storm shutters over the outer windows. Every window was a lashing sheet of opaque water and the unrelenting noise of the wind seemed to just get louder.

When we finally got all the shutters down, I looked at Stella wondering if there was anything else we could do. She pointed at the TV and yelled to turn on the weather channel. As I started toward it, the lights went out.

It was dark!
I stumbled around and found

one of the emergency flashlights we kept by the bar in the living room but that was all.

"Where's the radio?" Stella yelled over the noise of the storm.

"It's in the garage."

"Where in the garage?" I thought of having to go into the garage with the flashlight getting by the by now even more hysterical Jennie, "I don't know. Somewhere out there, maybe with the tools or the paint."

Stella turned disgusted and went back to the bedroom and I

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Local sophomores attend leadership program

Young Mississippians are learning the value of giving back to the community through the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership program (HOBY). The three-day Mississippi seminar has just concluded with 225 high school sophomores attending the program in Jackson.

The program focuses on leadership, motivation, and volunteerism by providing interactive discussions with community, business, and political leaders, as well as hands-on community service projects.

During one of the program sessions, students spent time volunteering at Salvation Army, Stewpot Community Services, Gateway Rescue Mission, the Mississippi Food Network and the Good Samaritan Center.

"Through HOBY's Leadership for Service Program, HOBY Ambassadors are challenged to commit at least 100 hours of volunteer service in their home community," said Terry Gormley of Brandon, HOBY Board president. "With 225 students participating in the program, this translates into thousands of hours of community service in our state."

Each public and private high school in the state is invited to select one outstanding student to attend HOBY. Area students who attended this year's program are Melanie Collins from Hancock High School, DeNira Dedeaux from Our Lady



Geneva Mitchell
Bay High School

Academy, Padrick Dennis from St. Stanislaus, Geneva Mitchell from Bay High School, and Kunal Patel from St. Stanislaus.

Gormley said the program's goals include encouraging members of this formative age group in their quest for self-identification and self-development, and providing opportunities for them to demonstrate their leadership abilities when they return home for betterment of community and country.

According to Gormley, students are selected by their high schools based on their emerging leadership ability, their ability to work well with others, their desire for new pursuits, and



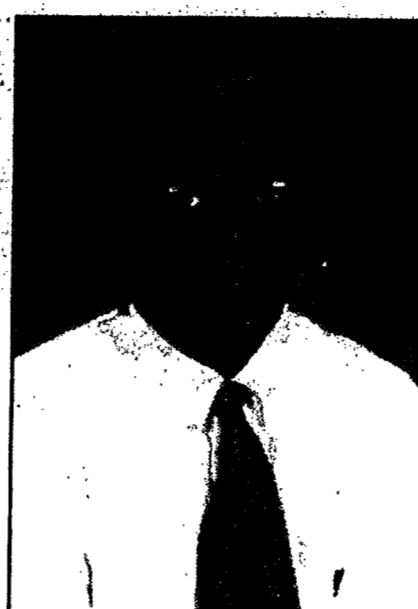
DeNira Dedeaux
Our Lady Academy

their willingness to learn and share.

"Another benefit to HOBY students is the 80-plus college and university scholarships available each year to HOBY graduates," Gormley continued.

The Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation was established by the actor Hugh O'Brian following a visit to Africa where he was inspired by a meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

"One of the things Schweitzer said to me was that the most important thing in education was to teach young people to think for themselves," O'Brian said. "From that inspiration, and with the support of others who believe in youth and the



Kunal Patel
St. Stanislaus

American dream, I started HOBY to seek out, recognize, and develop outstanding leadership potential among our nation's youth."

HOBY participants attend the three-day seminar at no cost to the student, the parents, or the school. All funding is provided through the generosity of businesses, foundations, individuals, and civic clubs from across the state.

HOBY sponsors for this area include the Lower Pearl River Valley Foundation of Picayune, The Peoples Bank of Biloxi, Brown & Mitchell of Gulfport, and Special Contractors and Associates of Gulfport.

Further information about HOBY activities and sponsorship opportunities is available by writing P.O. Box 720155, Jackson, MS 39272, by calling 601-845-3031, or by e-mailing hobyquestions@yahoo.com.

Bay High School honor roll released

FOURTH TERM

ALPHA

Grade 9: Tara Atwell, Daniel Bhuiyan, Arreal Brown, Amy Clark, Shannon Fayard, Zachary Ferry, Brandi Fisher, Jaqueline Fouasnon, Jessica Gardner, Tyesa Hawkins, Heather Ladner, Lauren Ladner, Byron Landry, Emily Liner, Joanna Mannion, Elizabeth Mueller, Christopher Payet, Arrian White and Caidon Zhao

Grade 10: Matthew Barbier, Samantha Billingsley, Danielle Burge, Michael Carpenter, Allyson Cleaves, Amanda Francis, Joseph Graves, Neil Green, Hao Huynh, Lacey Irias, Edwina James, Sheena Johnson, Tiffany Kennedy, Tara Ladner, Vernon Ladner, Brittany Lee, Jennifer Magee, Jeanne Martin-Bonnett, Carlie Matthews, Geneva Mitchell, Andrew Monks, Lindsey Necaise, Zacharias Nichols, James Pernicario, Megan Pitre, Ashley Poillion, Jace Ponder, Stephanie Reed, Brian Schmitt, Daniel Stanton, Brandon Strong and Christene Tillman

Grade 11: Andrew Baldree, Dusty Bankston, Adam Barrett, Phillip Bell, Catherine Benvenutti, Ashley Burgess, Amanda Carter, Sherry Cuave, Phong Dang, Julius Eglolf, Natalie Fields, Katie Fillingame, Stephen Fouasnon, Shawn Gaines, Kurt Graves, Miguel Graves, Patrick Hinson, Crystal Humphres

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Grade 12: Yashenma Ambrose, Michael Beal, Laura Bodey, Jenny Boston, Helena Boudreaux, Andrea Bowden, Matthew Collier, James Davis, Diana Dear, Casey Favre, Cassandra Favre, Melissa Gaines, Mary Giattina, Danielle Guinaugh, Catina Gyins, Kathleen Hancock

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Grade 10: Brittany Bates, Jesse Beck, Thuy Dang, Theodore Farrell, Sabrina

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Grade 12: Natalie Acker, Marcus Alexander, Derek Alombro, Chris Blanchard, Douglas Bourgeois, Jamie Bradford, Candice Chisesi, Dana Conravey, Jonah Dillenkoffer, Tiffany Farve, Kyle Freeman, Kimberly Green, Phalba Holmes, Melissa LaFontaine, Sandy Lizana, Courtney Ludlow, Steve Marino, Michael McDonald, Anthony Milner, Ashley Parnell, Delila Quintini, Amanda Rubio, Kristy Sand, Ashlee Storey, Misti Summers, Darien Williams and Sheryl Zoerner

Vaughn receives Vanderbilt degree

Nearly 2,600 students, including approximately 1,300 undergraduates, completed requirements for degrees at Vanderbilt University during the past year.

Those degrees were conferred by Chancellor Gordon Gee during the May 11 commencement exercises, which marked the completion of the 125th year of classes at Vanderbilt.

The undergraduate students were awarded bachelor's degrees from the College of Arts and Science, Blair School of Music, School of Engineering or Peabody College of education and human development.

Among them was Amanda Audrey Vaughn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Vaughn of Pass Christian, who received a bachelor of science degree from the College of Arts and Science.

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Cook-Nussbaum united in island ceremony

Dotsie M. Nussbaum and Edward J. Cook Jr. were united in marriage May 12, 2001 at sunset on the island of Isla Mujeres, Mexico, with Judge Marrufo officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Nussbaum Jr., and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Cook Sr.

The bride was given in marriage by Charles West Sr.

Matron of honor was Deanna Favre, and best man was Jerry West.

The bride attended Hancock North Central and Pearl River Community College and is self

employed at LAZ Dental Lab Inc. in Waveland.

She is the granddaughter of the late George W. Nussbaum Sr. and Agnes Liljeberg Nussbaum and the late Carl Cain Sr. and Mae Bennett.

Mr. Cook attended Bay High School and is employed with Textron Marine in New Orleans.

He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Noto and the late Mr. and Mrs. Newton Cook.

A reception was hosted May 18 at the Depot in Bay St. Louis.

The couple honeymooned in Mexico and will reside in Waveland.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oliver Jr.

Oliver-Erwin marry

Jeanne Hannah Erwin of Bay St. Louis and Charles Rayburn Oliver Jr., also of Bay St. Louis, were united in marriage April 7, 2001, in an afternoon ceremony at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis with Father Micheal Tracey officiating.

Soloists were Sharon Wilcox, Traci Holmes and Jennifer Clark. Organist was Edward Grotowski.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ladner of Bay St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Erwin of Long Beach.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oliver Sr. of Bay St. Louis.

The bride was given in marriage by Wade Ladner and Jake Erwin.

For the occasion she selected a diamond-white strapless gown with chapel train fashioned of Japanese matte satin and organza with a fitted venise lace bodice. Her fingertip veil featured satin-rolled edges and was adorned with intertwined iridescent Austrian crystal and cultured pearls. She carried a nosegay of Virginia roses.

Matron of honor was Jackie Erwin Moore, and maid of honor was Jill Peterson.

Bridesmaids included Tara Scott, Aimee Scott, Tara Ladner, Lauren Weidman Tatum,

Jennifer Oliver, Ann Vorhaber, and Kasey Ryan.

Flower girls were Brittany Lamberg, Jamie Hanna, Jessica Crosby and Sabrina Biel.

Ring bearer was Luke Hanna.

Best man was Charles Oliver Sr. and Kenny Monti.

Groomsmen included Lee Seal, Leo Seal, Neil Heitzmann, Frank Kerbl, John Erwin, Scott Gelpi and Ryan Oliver.

Readers were Nikki Chapman, MiMi Montagnet and Alissa Lama.

Ushers included Rodney Ladner, Ricky Meyers and Jackson Harris, and program attendants included Whitney Hamilton, Mercedes Thomas, Kyndra Lawless and Greg Lamberg.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Diamondhead Country Club.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted at Chappy's by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Oliver.

A bridesmaids luncheon took place April 1 at Southern Delights hosted by Mrs. Charlotte Ladner and Mrs. Carol Erwin.

After a honeymoon cruise to the Bahamas and Cocoa Cay, the couple will reside in Bay St. Louis.



Mrs. Edward J. Cook Jr.

Lohman chosen state finalist

Heather Ashley Lohman, 15, daughter of Tamara and James Lohman, Jr. of Waveland, has been chosen as a state finalist in the Miss Mississippi American Junior-Teen Pageant July 14-15 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Jackson. The pageant is held for girls ages 13 through 15.

The winner of the pageant will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, bouquet of roses and transportation to compete in the national pageant at Walt Disney World in Florida. Other pageants are held for the state to include girls of other ages.

Thousands of dollars in cash awards, scholarships, trophies, and prizes will be awarded during the state pageant weekend. According to pageant officials, since 1983 the Miss American Coed Pageant System has awarded more than \$11 million in scholarships and awards to deserving young ladies. All activities are age-appropriate and family-oriented.

The pageants are for "Tomorrow's Leaders." They are open to girls with goals and dreams based on inner beauty, as well as poise, presentation, and an "All-American spirit for family, fun, and friends."

Lohman's activities included a personal introduction, an interview, an evening gown competition, a Miss Photogenic and modeling competition and an academic achievement contest.



Heather Lohman

USM President's list

The University of Southern Mississippi President's List has been released for the 2001 spring semester which includes full-time students who earned a 4.0 grade-point average (all A's).

BAY ST. LOUIS: Rachel Kathryn Perniciaro; DIAMONDHEAD: Jennifer Lee Oriol, Patsy Lee Thomas;

KILN: Tami Lyn Munsch; PASS CHRISTIAN: Stephen Charles Lee, Nichelle E. Miller-Sumiel, Jesse Rye Nicholson, Stacey Tania Slater, Michel Virginia Smith, David Provosty Taylor; WAVELAND: Maria Courtney Koskan and Julie Renee Summers

Fishtales, swamp tales to highlight last week of Summer Reading Program

Curious about when to keep a fish and when to throw one back? Ever curious about what you should with a gas leak in your home? Interested in maps?

Well, all this and more can be answered during the last week of the Hancock County Library System's 2001 Summer Reading Program, *Orbit the World with Books*.

Susan Daigre, library children's coordinator, will tell some tall fish tales at the Waveland Library and Literacy Center on Tuesday, June 26, at 10:30 a.m. and teach you which ones to keep and which ones to throw back.

Local artist, musician and storyteller Brad Blanchard will perform as Tinman in his original Swamptales on Wednesday, June 27, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

Blanchard's tales feature "Monsterboy and the Boocoo Man." According to Blanchard, the story is more for tickles than scares. This particular story rose to number two in the spoken word department on MP3.com, a top Internet music network.

Blanchard performs his stories, songs and poems in spoken word, as well as backing himself with an array of unique musical instruments of his own creation.

Certificates of completion will be available at the various programs for those children who have made at least four visits to the library and read at least six books.

More information on the programs is available by calling the Bay St. Louis-Hancock

County Library, 467-5282; Kiln Public Library, 255-1724; Pearlridge Public Library, 533-0755; and the Waveland Library and Literacy Center, 467-9240. Or you can check the schedule out on the Web at www.hancock.lib.ms.us

Views on Dental Health

Early Toothbrushes



Frank L. Conaway Jr. DMD

The origins of the toothbrush date to 3000 BC. The first examples were found in Egyptian tombs. The first toothbrush was actually a "chew stick," a pencil-size twig with one end frayed that was rubbed against the teeth to clean them. They are still used in some parts of the world today: in Africa and even in the United States. In the US, they are called "twig brushes."

These twigs can be just as effective as a toothbrush in cleaning the teeth. Dentists reported one elderly man living near Shreveport, LA, who had used frayed white elm sticks all his life and his teeth were plaque-free and he had healthy gums.

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Fire

Jamieson said.

Sometimes the crew purposely sets fires in prescribed burns. They may cover an area as small as five acres or as large as three or four hundred acres. "Now that all fires are controlled, we need the prescribed burns," said Jamieson. "Ecosystems are adapted to fires and long ago the Indians set fires. Some species require fires for survival."

Prescribed burns can accomplish many purposes, Jamieson said. They can reduce the fuels, such as pine needles, which would tend to make an accidental fire burn hotter and longer, control hardwoods which compete for moisture and nutrients in pine stands, prepare an area for pine seeding or planting, improve wildlife habitat by encouraging low growth plants for food sources, control the spread of disease and fungus in trees, and prepare a stand for easy harvest.

Fighting wildfires is a team effort and when the flames die down, there is still a lot more to do to control the fire, said Jamieson. The cleanup is not as exciting, but just as necessary. A big part of controlling the fire is plowing and maintaining a sufficient fire break, large enough so that the flames don't jump to another area.

Jamieson and Crew Member Pam Spencer just returned from two separate two-week stints in Florida, one to keep a watch in the Ocala National Forest and one to fight a wildfire at Koon Pond, near the Mallory Swamp. While the two kept watch at Ocala, Jamieson said that a massive, 60,000 acre fire in Mallory Swamp, about 100 miles from Ocala, covered the area with



Hancock County Forester Mark Jamieson fights a wildfire at Koon Pond near the Mallory Swamp in Florida.

thick smoke. He and Spencer returned to Florida to replace two Mississippi crew members who were injured at the Koon Pond fire, joining about 500 other Wildland Firefighters in the state from all over the country.

"By the time we got there the fire lanes had contained the fire, but the fire was so hot that it was still burning in stumps in the ground," said Jamieson. "The fires would pop up every afternoon and it was our job to drive around in our converted military Humvees and put out the fires." Each Humvee contained 200 gallons of water and 600 to 1,000 feet of hose, said Jamieson.

"One day we were eating lunch and a fire sprang up right

next to us," said Jamieson. "We worked for twelve days for 16 to 17 hours a day and a night crew took over from there ... it's not as glamorous when the flames disappear, but the job goes on."

Crew members will be on-call all summer to do two-week stints across the country.

Crew member Frank M. Delsied remembers a wildland fire that was the more glamorous type, his first. "It looked like a tornado, I don't think I've ever seen anything like it," said Delsied. "I didn't think I was scared of anything before that ... I don't think I said a word, but I was scared. It was one of those fires you can never forget."

Jamieson, who has been with

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Garden

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Parfait. This is a very large double-flowered (or rose form) Mandevilla with the same pink as Alice du Pont. The vine is vigorous and the flowers exquisite, but there will be fewer flowers because they are double form.

As with almost every other plant I write about, it needs well-drained soil or it will die. For best flowering, you will want your Mandevilla to receive at least six to eight hours of sunlight a day. Full sunlight is better.

Since it is such a vigorous vine and flower producer, it needs small doses of fertilizer every two to three weeks. Use a balanced, water-soluble fertilizer or time-released granules. Maintain moisture during the hot, dry times of the summer. A prolonged period without water may prove fatal to the plant.

Try growing a Mandevilla planted in a large hanging basket, and let it climb the long

chains. A tri-color ornamental sweet potato flowing out of the basket in all directions will help set off the Mandevilla.

Try intertwining the Mandevilla with the iridescent blue-flowered petunia. This mixture of southern perennial and Brazilian tropical is not only bold but also spectacular.

If you have lattice structures around the house, the Mandevilla is one plant that is a must. Its ability to climb and bloom until fall makes it a champion. Being a tropical from Brazil means that gardeners on the Coast probably south of I-10 can get it to establish permanently. The rest of us will have to either treat it as an annual or give it winter protection.

Before bringing it indoors, cut off all growth to make it the desired shape. It will not bloom indoors unless it is in a sun-room. Our goal is simply to hold the plant until the next planti-

ng season.

Another method, and probably the easiest for most of us, is to cut it back to about 6 inches and provide as bright a light as possible with just minimal water. Do not fertilize during this time. As the plant grows, we can keep it pinched back to leaf-axis, and the plant will develop a bushy habit.

In the spring, we can repot or plant in the landscape and resume our fertilization program. Tropical plants offer us some of our best options for plants with five or six months of continuous bloom, and Mandevilla has to be at the top of that list.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Norman Winter is a horticulturist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service. His office is located at the Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center at 1320 Seven Springs Road, Raymond, MS 39154.

Views

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followed her. The noise continued unabated around us. She climbed in bed, pulled the sheet around her and lay down. I got in on my side and joined her. We lay there as around us the noise continued.

I really shouldn't worry, I thought. The house had stood Elaine with her 120 mile an hour winds with no problem. This noise and confusion, while great was not as bad, we could take. Still ...

We both lay there listening. After about an hour the noise and the rain let up and we went to sleep.

The next morning, I got up and letting Jennie out of the garage, took her outside. There were branches everywhere and the porch furniture was scattered, but no real damage. Stella came out and the two of us started to clean up. I started

a long monologue about the physical aspects of the storm, about where it had come from and where it would probably go next and why.

Stella sweating beside me said something as she began dragging a large limb to take to the back.

"What did you say?" I asked.

She dropped the limb and glared at me, "I said, no more prayers in the paper!"

I watched as she dragged the branch toward the back. I shrugged. I had seen the rain gauge. At least the draught was over.

This column follows the theme of the books, Waiting for the White Pelicans and Views from a Front Porch by Paul Estronza La Violette. The books may be purchased at Bookends Bookstore near the bridge on Hwy 90 Bay St Louis.

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Pine Wood Derby winners

Members of Tiger Cubs, Den 4, Pack 20, Diamondhead/Kiln, who participated and placed in the recent Pine Wood Derby are, from left, Jesse Foucha, third place, District Pine Derby; Joseph Jellinski, Best Craftsmanship, District; Brian Sawyer, first place overall, Pack 20 Derby; and Joey Schadler, first place Tiger Council Derby and second place District. The Cubs are responsible for carving and constructing their own Pine Wood Derby car, then they compete at local levels, district and council. Boys ages 6-10 may join the Pack by calling 255-0926.

Mississippi State names honor scholars

The following students are President's Scholars for the 2001 spring semester at Mississippi State University.

Students on the President's List achieved a 3.80 or better grade-point average, based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of course work with no incomplete grades or grades lower than a C.

They include Christine Benvenutti, Hazel Payet and Thomas Rutherford, all of Bay St. Louis, and Sara Smolensky of Waveland.

Dean's List students achieved a grade-point average between 3.5 and 3.79, based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of course work with no incomplete grades or grades lower than a C.

They are Craig Carriagee of

Kiln, Lisa Cuevas of Pearlinton, John Genin, Heather Kirksey and Nathan Scritchling, of Bay St. Louis; Kendall Ladner of Perkinston; Jennifer Ladner of Waveland; and Tara Smith of Diamondhead.

Ladner on PRCC dean's list

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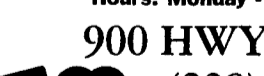
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THEY WERE CONQUERED BY ASSYRIA, WHOSE KING,
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ADVICE—WHEN HE WAS IN TROUBLE, THEN THEY ONLY DID
HE TURN TO GOD AND THE PROPHETS—WHEN EVERYTHING
TOLD HEZEKIAH TO ACT LIKE A REBEL KING, FOR ONCE, AND
DEFY ASSYRIA! A HARD THING TO DO WHEN ALL AROUND HIM,
KINGDOMS WERE TOPPLING LIKE TEN-PINS... SO HEZEKIAH
SURRENDERED HIS TREASURY OF HIS GOLD AND SILVER TO GIVE TO
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TO THE SOUTHWEST, FEARING FOR ITS OWN SAFETY, GOT INTO
THE FIGHT AND, EVEN AS ISAIAH SHOUTED DEFIANCE FROM
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Main Street hosts 'Way to Go! VBS

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"Way to Go! stories, songs, games, crafts, and fun will help your child know the Way to Go! to love God and make a positive difference in the world around them," said spokesperson Betty Ann Swanson.

"Way to Go! Good Neighbor Tours" will be held at Main Street United Methodist Church, 162 Main Street, Bay St. Louis July 9 through July 13 from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Boarding passes (late registra-

tion) will be processed Monday, July 9 from 8 - 8:30 a.m. in the main ticket office (The Multi-purpose Building which faces Second Street).

As in years past, tour members can help other children and their families through their voluntary donations during the week of Vacation Bible School.

The Hancock Relief Fund has been selected this year as the local mission project for the "Way to Go! Good Neighbor Tours."

All children are welcome to come on board for the Good Neighbor Tours. Each child joining the tour is asked to bring a white T-shirt to be used for a craft project on the first tour day (July 9).

For Information, call the church office at 467-4538.

Bobinger awarded Scholarship

Robert Bobinger II

Robert Bobinger II, senior at St. John High School, has been awarded the Mrs. George Salloum Scholarship, sponsored by the Mrs. George Salloum Trust. Bobinger will receive a scholarship award of \$3,000 to be used at the college of his choice.

The Mrs. George Salloum Trust was established as a memorial to the daily life of Mrs. George Salloum. Salloum was a strong believer in education. Her compassion and deep feelings for others made her a very special person.

Bobinger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dewey Bobinger of Bay St. Louis.

Throughout high school, Bobinger has been a member of the Mississippi Youth Legislature. He has been selected as Most Outstanding Committee Chair, Outstanding Page, as well as Outstanding Senator for the State.

As a member of the St. John High School Choir, he has performed in Washington, D.C., as

well as in Germany, France and Italy.

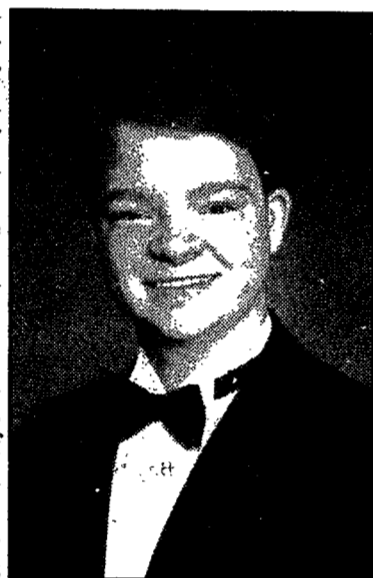
He was selected as an American Choir Directors Honor Choir member. Bobinger was a member of the team that won District Champion Mock Trial Competition and the team that won the Gulf Coast Quiz Bowl Tournament.

He has been a cast member for numerous school productions including Annie and Brighton Beach Memoirs.

Bobinger has performed a variety of community services. He has worked with the Naval Home residents and has provided assistance for terminally ill neighbors.

He has also been a volunteer for the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon television fund-raising production. He has been active in numerous food drives to provide food for needy families and has provided after school tutoring.

In August, Bobinger will enter the University of Southern Mississippi where he will major in design computing.



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thousands...

And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever!"

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Children's sermon at Main Street

Elizabeth Grafe is shown with the children of Main Street Methodist Church during a recent Children's Sermon at the 11 a.m. worship service. The Sunflower Parable, the story of a young gardener who "discovers the value of planting seeds, not only in the ground, but also in the hearts of his friends" was shared with the children. Grafe also gave each child a bag of sunflower seeds so they could also learn about "hard work, patience, sharing, and God's unconditional love."

Being Satisfied

It seems that so many people in this world are dissatisfied with their lives and have difficulty understanding why things are not better for them. They may not be content with their chosen occupation, where they live or with their family life. These unhappy people are not being fulfilled in this world, and it is difficult for them to understand why they are involved in such troublesome situations. In life, everyone has difficulties and problems to contend with, and if we put our hopes and dreams only on things of this world, we will never be completely satisfied. Things are constantly changing in our lives, and the only thing that remains firm and steadfast in this world is God's love for us. God wants us to be the best that we can be, and to be satisfied and fulfilled in our daily routine. And though this is much easier said than done, the Bible tells us that we should come to the Lord, those who are carrying heavy loads, and He will give us rest.

For He satisfieth the longing soul,
and filleth the hungry soul
with goodness.

K.J.V Psalm 107:9

Local students receive
USM scholarships

Eighteen high school seniors from the Gulf Coast were awarded leadership scholarships worth \$8,800 over four years at the University of Southern Mississippi.

The Coast recipients included Heather Duffy, Courtney Lawrence, James Williford, Robyn O'Bannon, Frank Pellegrino and Lauren Redder, all from Biloxi; Casey Lee and Leslie Estes, both from Gulfport; Adam Chapman, Jeremy England and James Willett, all from Pascagoula; and

William Dupree and Timothy Moe, both from Vancleave.

Other recipients include Sara Welch of Gautier, Holly Lerouge of Diamondhead, Erin Yarbrough of Waveland and Ashley Roth of Bay St. Louis.

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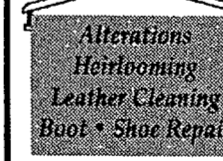
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The Hancock County Library System sponsors an Adult Literacy Education Program at the Waveland Library Literacy Center, 333 Coleman Avenue, Waveland.

Classes provided include GED, basic skills, reading one-on-one, reading classes and more. Day classes are Monday through Thursday. Evening classes are Mondays and Thursdays. To register or for information, call Donna Hutchings at 467-9240.

ACOA and Al-Anon

ACOA and Al-Anon meet at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 5303 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead Thursdays at 8 p.m.. For information call 255-9213.

Al-Anon/BSL

Al-Anon, Bay St. Louis chapter, meets Monday and Friday at 8 p.m. at 300 Third Street, Bay St. Louis.

Al-Anon is designed for families and friends who are affected by someone else's drinking. For information, call 466-5780.

American Cancer Society
Assistance to victims of cancer is available through Hancock and Harrison County chapters of the American Cancer Society.

Necessary items for patients, such as dressings, ostomy and sickroom supplies are available to those in need. Equipment which may be loaned to patients includes wheelchairs and hospital beds. Assistance is available for transportation to qualifying

hospitals. Several rehabilitation programs are offered, including "Reach To Recovery", in which volunteers who have had mastectomies visit new breast cancer patients (with approval of physician) to assist in emotional, physical and psychological rehabilitation.

Battered Women

Free counseling is offered for Hancock County women suffering from emotional or physical abuse. Gwen Beck, outreach coordinator with Gulf Coast Women's Center, is available each Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon at the Hancock County Youth Court building on Court Street.

All cases are confidential. Call 435-1968 collect for appointment.

The Gulf Coast Women's Center, a United Way agency, also offers an advocacy program for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. A 24-hour crisis line is available by calling 1-800-800-1396.

Bay-Waveland

Overeaters HOW Group
Bay-Waveland Overeaters HOW group meets every Tuesday, 7-8 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center's meeting room.

The HOW group is a discipline plan of eating using the 12 steps and 12 traditions for support.

There are no dues or fees. The group is self supporting through their own contributions.

For information, contact Ann at 467-6254.

Blood Pressure

Retired Senior Volunteer Program sponsors free blood pressure on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 77, on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

Hancock Medical Center

Women's Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) conducts free blood pressure testing at the hospital, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

CASA

(Court-Appointed Special Advocate)
Volunteers are needed to speak up for an abused or neglected child. Be a child's voice. Call 467-7945.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare recovery seminar and support group meets at Bayou View Baptist Church, 4709 Chamberlain Avenue, Gulfport, each Friday at 6:30 p.m. Child care provided through fifth grade.

DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics, including "Facing Your Anger," "Facing Your Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," "KidCare" and "Forgiveness." For information, call 228-896-7053 or visit the website at www.Bayouview.org.

The Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse

The Family Child Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse is looking for volunteers and teen mentors.

For information on how you can help prevent child abuse or help a child, call 868-8686.

Also, free parenting classes will be offered at the center, 327 Sheldobro Square, Bay St. Louis, for nine weeks, covering self-esteem, communication skills, discipline, household management and child development. Call 463-0000 for details or reservations.

Hancock County Humane Society

Humane Society meetings are held quarterly on the third Sunday at 3 p.m. at Jolly Rogers Printing, Hwy. 90.

All are welcome. For information, call 467-7686

Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Hancock Co. NAACP

The Hancock County Branch NAACP meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church (fellowship hall), Sycamore Street, Bay St. Louis. Genevieve Gordon, president, 467-6040.

Homework Assistance Program

A Homework Assistance Program is being offered to Hancock County students through the Save Our Children Center at 405 Necaise Street in Bay St. Louis, 3:30-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

For registration information, call the center at 466-0401.

Hope Haven Children's Shelter

Hope Haven is a non-profit residential shelter for abused and neglected children and provides a safe, loving refuge to children from birth through 15. The shelter welcomes public support through donations of money, goods or services. Volunteers are needed. Open board meetings are conducted at Mississippi Power Co., Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis every third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. A United Way agency. 228-467-7945; e-mail at www.hopehavenshelter.org.

Money Management

The Consumer Money Management Center serves the public by providing free financial consultations as well as informational literature and seminars for employers, educational institutions and civic and professional groups.

Information and assistance from the center relates to various aspects of personal money management including budgeting, credit repayment,

insurance, and investments. The service is sponsored by Mississippi State University and Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service. To set up an appointment call Hancock County Extension Office, 467-5456.

Parenting Classes

Free parenting classes will be offered in Hancock County at RSVP (Old City Hall, Bay St. Louis) for nine weeks, covering self-esteem, communications skills, nutrition, household management, discipline, child development and more.

Call Kat Fitzpatrick at Family Child Center for details or reservations, 868-8686.

Parkinson Support Group

The public is invited to all meetings of the Parkinson Support Group, which are held the second Sunday at 2 p.m. at Garden Park Community Hospital in Gulfport. For information, call 863-2929 or 467-0307.

Save Our Children

The Hancock County Task Force of Save Our Children will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. every first Monday of the month at the center, 405 Necaise Street, Bay St. Louis.

For details, call Geraldine Lang at 467-9586.

Seizure Disorder Support Group

Those who suffer from a seizure disorder and need the support of people who know what that means, may join the Kim Berglund Seizure Disorder Support Group. No pressure, no judgment.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Classroom Trailer I at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

Call 865-3421 for details.

St. Vincent Thrift Store
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Society of St. Vincent de Paul operates a thrift store, City Hall Annex, Coleman Avenue. It is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 until 3, and Saturday, 10 a.m. until noon. All proceeds benefit the needy regardless of race or religion. An information and referral service is available from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday. For additional information, call 467-0703.

Senior Citizens

Located on the corner of Bookter and St. Frances streets, the center serves Hancock County citizens 60 plus years of age.

Under the Hancock County Human Resource Agency, the center provides classes in art, ceramics, framing, counted cross stitch, crochet, plastic canvas, shirt decorating, quilting and sewing.

There is also information and referral, counseling, entertainment and recreational field trips and health care services. Transportation is provided through a contract with Coast Transit Authority to the center or to the local doctor, grocery store, bill paying, etc.

The center has a contract to provide frozen home delivered meals to 50 homebound seniors each week and serves 20 hot meals at the center four days a week under a statewide food, contract with Valley Foods. In addition, a potluck lunch is served on Friday prepared by the staff. A morning snack is provided with donations from local clubs, churches and individuals. AAA contracts with Lifeline for one full-time homemaker for about two hours per week for needy seniors to do light housekeeping or errands for them.

For information, call the center at 467-9292 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Commissioner
Hancock County Water and Sewer District
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Hancock County Water and Sewer District, a component unit of Hancock County, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2000, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

Except as discussed in the following paragraph, we conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards and the standards generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to financial audit contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Because of inadequacies in the District's accounting records, we were unable to form an opinion regarding accounts receivable aggregating \$119,811 at September 30, 2000 and the related revenue in the accompanying Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Equity stated at \$1,069,656.

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustment, if any, as might have been determined necessary has accounts receivable and related revenue are susceptible to satisfactory audit tests, the general purpose financial statements presented are fair in all material respects, the financial position of Hancock County Water and Sewer District as of September 30, 2000, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles, generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated May 8, 2001, on our consideration of Hancock County Water and Sewer District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of revenues, expenses and changes in fund equity is presented for the purpose of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations, and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Kent Whitfield, CPA
Pascagoula, Mississippi
May 8, 2001

Hancock County Water and Sewer District

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY

For The Year Ended September 30, 2000

OPERATING REVENUES	\$806,487
Sewer Charges	\$30,625
Permit Fees	192,031
Tap Fees	33,843
Late Charges and Reconnect Fees	33,843
Miscellaneous Charges	6,870
Total Operating Revenues	1,069,656
OPERATING EXPENSES	285,301
Personnel Services	132,995
Supplies and Materials	27,611
Utilities	196,023
Depreciation and Amortization	233,041
Other Services and Charges	66,678
Professional Fees	29,380
Vehicles	
Total Operating Expenses	960,029
Operating Income	109,627
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
Interest Income	16,161
Interest Expense	(206,053)
Net Loss	(81,055)
Current Year Equity Contribution	1,714,560
Fund Equity, September 30, 1999	\$2,622,885
Fund Equity, September 30, 2000	\$2,622,885

A copy of the final audit for the year ending September 30, 2000 for the Hancock County Water & Sewer District is on file at the District office located at 1113 Hwy 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.

The office is open Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. The telephone number for the District office is 228-467-6208.

Edie Renz Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer
Hancock County Water & Sewer District
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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In accordance with Section 31-53 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annulled, notice is hereby given that final settlement has been made between the Hancock County and Harbor Commission and HAS Electric on the contract dated September 28, 2000, on Schedule III of the AIP Project No. 3-28-0005-1300 for rehabilitation of the highway lighting system, installation of runway distance remaining signs and replacement of the PAPI power circuit at Stennis International Airport and the project has been accepted as fully complete as shown by the minutes of said Commission dated June 19, 2001.

Published by Resolution of the Hancock County Board and Harbor Commission dated June 19, 2001.

Harry J. Fave Secretary

06/24/2001 Hancock County Port Harbor Commission

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

SUZANNE MICHAELS and KAREN PETIT PLAINTIFFS

VERSUS

ANGELINA SCIANNIA, IF LIVING, IF NOT HER UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR ASSIGNS, WHO ARE NOT TO BE KNOWN OR LOCATED; AND TO ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS OR CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY TITLE, RIGHT OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE SUBJECT REAL PROPERTY, DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

NO. 2001-451

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

To: a) ANGELINA SCIANNIA, If living, if not, her unknown heirs, devisees and assigns, who are not to be known or located; and to any and all other persons, firms or corporations, having or claiming to have any legal or equitable title, right or interest in and to the subject real property, not to be found within the State of Mississippi after diligent search and inquiry, whose last known places of residence, street and post office addresses are and remain unknown to Plaintiffs after diligent search and inquiry made to ascertain same, said property described as:

b) ANTHONY MONTEALARO, who is believed to be a potential interested party to this proceeding, and believed to be an heir at law of Angelina Scianna, whose street address for service of process is 2121 Kentucky Avenue, Kenner, Louisiana 70062-5944.

c) Any and all other unknown persons, firms or corporations, having or claiming to have any legal or equitable title, right or interest in and to the subject real property, not to be found within the State of Mississippi after diligent search and inquiry, whose last known places of residence, street and post office addresses are and remain unknown to Plaintiffs after diligent search and inquiry made to ascertain same, said property described as:

All that part of Lot 1-A, CLAUDE MONTI SUBDIVISION, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi as per the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi described as:

Beginning at the SW corner of said Lot 1-A; thence along the westerly line of said Lot North 20 degrees East 50.00 feet to the northerly line of said lot, thence along said northerly line, South 70 degrees East 20.00 feet to a fence; thence along said fence, South 20 degrees West 50.00 feet to the northerly right of way of State Street; thence along said right of way, North 70 degrees West 20.00 feet to the Point of Beginning. All as shown on a survey prepared by Sidney Fournel, Jr., P.L.S. dated April 18, 2001.

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YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:30 O'CLOCK A.M. ON THE 8 DAY OF August, 2001, IN THE COURTROOM OF THE CHANCERY COURT, AT THE HANCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER THINGS DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT OR PETITION. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE AN ANSWER OR OTHER PLEADING, BUT YOU MAY DO SO IF YOU DESIRE.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 21 day of June, 2001.

(Seal)

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Entertainment



Jonathan Carr, center, gives Ian Gorum, left, and Austin Bell a few "pointers" about the sport of fencing at the "En Garde" camp at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center.

Fencing camp offered at Discovery Center

Two Hancock County boys were among 17 campers who learned about the Olympic sport of fencing at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center.

Jonathan Carr, a fencing instructor, presented "En Garde," a camp at the Discovery Center. "Fencing is a sport at which any size child can succeed," says Carr. "It's also a

great coed sport where boys and girls can compete on an equal level."

The week-long camp acquainted the campers with history of the sport and criteria in judging tournaments while emphasizing safety, discipline, sportsmanship and strategy.

Ten-year-old Austin Bell of Waveland practiced his lunge

attack, while his friend Ian Gorum from Bay St. Louis polished his offensive moves. Gorum participated in the camp last year and now attends classes that Carr teaches.

The "En Garde" camp scheduled for July 9-13 still has openings. For information, call the Discovery Center at 897-6039 ext. 13.

The 'Pace Files'

Decorate home with hanging baskets

By Stan Pace

The garden centers are overflowing with beautiful flowering plants. Instead of putting all those plants in the ground, consider making some hanging baskets with them.

Hanging baskets are easy to put together and are quite lovely. There are two ways to put hanging baskets together; one is to start with small plugs and let the plants grow together - this creates a more natural effect, the other is to use larger (4") plants - this creates an instant end result effect.

Either way, start with a peat/perlite mix that provides good drainage. Baskets with different color flowers and different textures have a nice effect.

Use plants with similar water (moist/dry) and sun (sun/shade) requirements in the same basket. Make sure you water your baskets as needed

(those in the sun will dry out fast). Add a balanced fertilizer such as 20-20-20 to your baskets. Enjoy!

Some hanging basket planting suggestions:

Shade: Impatiens, Variegated Spider Plants, Variegated English Ivy, Ferns, Angel-wing Begonias

Sun: Scaevola, Verbena, Variegated Helichrysum, Geranium, Petunia

This seems to be a year when cutworms are active. If your seedlings in the garden are disappearing (literally), look for stems with chewed ends sticking out of the ground.

The cutworms cut the very young stem in two and drag the leafy end to their burrow in the soil.

Don't forget to call the Master Gardener Hotline with any garden or lawn question you may have. (1-866-Garden8

or 1-866-427-3368)

Arboretum announces July program calendar

Kids: Summer Nature Camp
Wednesday-Saturday, July 11-14

9:00 AM to Noon
Bring the kids to enjoy this week-long nature camp. Children will be learning about nature with fun hands-on lessons, games, and activities. They will learn about the insect world, aquatic life, wildlife, and the magic of carnivorous plants. Your child will leave camp with an increased appreciation and excitement for nature. Recommended ages 6 through 12. Reservations are required by Friday, July 6. \$25 members' children; \$35 non-members.

Red Bluff Natural Area Creek Walk

Saturday, July 21
9:00 AM to Noon

This clear water stream in Hancock County has white sandy beaches, a gravel bottom, high bluffs, and alligators! Join us on a casual walk through the cool shallow waters. Wear water-worthy shoes, and bring towels and refreshments. Meet at the Crosby Arboretum Visitors Center parking area at 9:00 AM sharp to carpool to the site. Bring lunch for an al fresco picnic.

Members, \$5; non-members, \$8.

Summer Volunteer Learning Workshop
Saturday, July 28
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

The general public is invited to attend a Summer Volunteer Workshop, and to learn about the volunteer opportunities at the Crosby Arboretum. The schedule includes talks, tours, and lunch.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:
9:15 History of the Crosby Arboretum, Lynn Gammill, Founder

10:00 Summer Wildflowers, Bob Brzuszek, Senior Curator

11:30 Buffet Lunch

12:30 Piney Woods Early Days, Jean Hartfield, Pearl River, Archaeology

1:15 Plants of My Backyard, Lynn Ashford, Editor, Mississippi Gardener

Admission is free, but reservations are required by Friday, July 27. Seating will be limited to 25 participants. Call (601)-799-2311, ext. 21, to register.

ARBORETUM NEWS:

NEW DISCOVERY TRAIL

A new children's learning trail is now open thanks to a grant received from Arizona Chemical, a division of International Paper Company. The 380-foot trail features hands-on educational activities for young children to explore and learn about nature.

The Crosby Arboretum is located in Picayune. Take I-59 to Exit 4 and follow the signs; or from the Gulf Coast, take I-10 to the Waveland exit and proceed north on Highway 603 to Highway 43 to Picayune.

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Hancock PRCC alums meet

The Pearl River Community College Hancock County Alumni Chapter will meet Monday, June 25, 5:30 p.m., at the Hancock County Courthouse, Board of Supervisors Room, second floor. Alumni president Frank Ladner reports the purpose of

the meeting is to distribute fundraiser tickets.

The new Hancock County Chapter charges no dues and proceeds from fund raising will go to a scholarship fund for county residents, Ladner said. For further information, contact Ladner at 467-7130.

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